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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1787, August 20-26, 2015

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|-----------|--------|---|
| Thu 1130 | WRMI | 9955 |
| Thu 2100 | WRMI | 7570 [confirmed] |
| Fri 2130 | WRMI | 15770 [confirmed] |
| Fri 2130 | WRMI | 7570 [confirmed] |
| Fri 2330 | WRMI | 5850 [confirmed] |
| Sat 0630 | HLR | 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio |
| Sat 1430 | HLR | 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio |
| Sat 1930v | WA0RCR | 1860-AM |
| Sun 0315v | WA0RCR | 1860-AM [confirmed] |
| Sun 2300 | WRMI | 11580 [confirmed] |
| Mon 0300v | WBCQ | 5110v Area 51 |
| Mon 0330 | WRMI | 9955 |
| Tue 1100 | WRMI | 9955 |
| Wed 0630 | HLR | 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio |
| Wed 1315 | WRMI | 9955 |
| Wed 1430 | HLR | 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio |
| | | [please check: not heard lasts week on UTwente] |
| Wed 2100 | WBCQ | 7490v |

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and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:
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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-service/podcast/glenn-hauser-wor>

ALTERNATIVE PODCASTS, tnx Stephen Cooper:
<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

AND ANOTHER PODCAST ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

Also via [but still not back in service]:
<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>
or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:
<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here's where to sign up:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** ALASKA. KNLS, New sked from Aug. 15.

0800-0900 11870 English
0900-1000 11870 Russian
1000-1100 11870 English
1100-1200 11870 Russian
1200-1300 11870 English
1300-1400 9655 Chinese
1400-1500 11765 English

1500-1600 9655 Russian
1600-1700 9655 Russian
1700-1800 9655 Russian

9920 and 7355 can't be received (Sei-ichi Hasegawa, Aug 17, dxldyg via
WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So they must have finally got the antenna fixed, but still only one
transmitter. Note 4 English hours now, only 1 Chinese (gh, ibid.)

KNLS The New Life Station via transmitter 2 from Aug. 15

0800-0900 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English

0900-1000 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAs Russian

1000-1100 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English

1100-1200 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAs Russian

1200-1300 on 11870 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English

1300-1400 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAs Chinese

1400-1500 on 11765 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English

1500-1600 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 300 deg to NEAs Russian

1600-1700 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 315 deg to NEAs Russian

1700-1800 on 9655 NLS 100 kW / 315 deg to NEAs Russian

Confirmed via SDR units in Hong Kong, Phuket and Manila

Announcement in English & Russian with old frequencies!

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/new-schedule-of-knls-new-life-station.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, Additional transmissions on Aug. 18.

0800-0900 9655 Russian

0900-1000 9655 Chinese

1000-1100 9655 English

1100-1200 9610 Open Carrier

1200-1300 7355 Open Carrier

1315-1330 9920 Open Carrier

1330-1400 9920 Chinese

1400-1500 7355 Chinese

1500-1600 9920 English

1600-1700 9920 Russian

1700-1800 9920 Russian (S. Hasegawa, Aug 19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO
1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11765, Aug 19 at 1409, JBA carrier, presumed KNLS English on revived
schedule, per S. Hasegawa. Propagation really degraded today without
even the CNR1 jammers. From Aug 18, he says, they have two
transmitters going again resulting in this English schedule:

0800-0900 11870 English

1000-1100 11870 English

1200-1300 11870 English
1400-1500 11765 English

1000-1100 9655 English
1200-1300 7355 Open Carrier [probably supposed to be English]
1500-1600 9920 English

Oh2, CRI English via Urumqi, East Turkistan is also registered 14-15 on 11765, 212 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. 262, Radio Alg  rienne, Aug 15, 1015-1100. French, clear, strong signal on longwave, unusual for this time of day, from Algeria, no fading. Lively chat between man and woman, followed by soft mx and interviews. 73s (Marty Delf  n (Fuencarral-El Pardo district, Madrid, Spain), Et  n Satellit 750, telescopic, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 11775, University Network (presumed); 2101, 19-Aug; Rev. Barbi said "God sent her for a very clear purpose." Could this mean that her previous career was part of God's plan to provide her with a loyal following? Hallelujah! She then said, "God hasn't failed me yet." Hallelujah! That clinches it. Go worship at a strip joint, and rejoice in its glory. SI0=4+44+ with 11780 Brasil splash (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 65 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. Reception of Voice of Armenia on August 12:
from 1628 on 4810 ERV 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME Greek
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-voice-of-armenia-on-august.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

4810, August 15, 2015 at 1920-1925 UT. VOICE OF ARMENIA.
Male Announcer in Arabic. Discussion about society in light of all the refugees from war-torn countries. SINPO 44344. Heavy QRN on all bands tonight. Tried all available receivers, including Drake R8B, AOR AR5000A+3, JRC NRD-535D and NRD-545. AOR AR5000A+3 performed the best overall. Drake R8B was a close second. Weakest signals (i.e., Radio Armenia on 4810) were pulled in effectively with JRC NRD-545. Utilizing Stridsberg Multicoupler, NCS Switch and Bose Noise Cancelling Headphones. Pixel Loop is the only useable antenna. Wire on window does not pick up anything! Magnetic loop is the best, hands down! Limited to indoor antennas (Ed Sylvester, Baghdad, Iraq, JRC NRD-545, Indoor Pixel Magnetic Loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good reception of Voice of Armenia on Aug 19

1900-1930 on 4810 ERV 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME Arabic
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-reception-of-voice-of-armenia-on.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASCENSION. 11985, HCJB Radio Akbar Mufriha at 2149 in Arabic with a man with long talks then a brief musical interlude at 2200 and more long talks to 2214 and a brief hymn and clear ID with frequency, e-mail address, and sign-off announcements and off at 2215 ñ Fair to Good Aug 15 (Carlie Forsythe in Wisconsin, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. DAB+ FIGURES RELEASED FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO AUSTRALIA
ABU August 14, 2015
http://www.abu.org.my/Latest_News-@-DAB_figures_released_for_Commercial_Radio_Australia.aspx

Australia has released the first, ever, public audience research into DAB+ radio listening in Australia's capital cities.

Australian DAB+ radio launched in 2009. DAB+ coverage is available across selected capital cities in Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. In these areas, the research reveals that 24.1% of adults listen to DAB+ every week and 73% of that listening is to simulcast radio stations that are also available on AM/FM; so just over a quarter is listening to brand new radio stations. In total, listeners tune in to DAB+ for 10 hours 15 minutes a week.

The figures are compiled for Commercial Radio Australia, who also report on the most listened-to commercial DAB+-only stations. The two public service broadcasters, the ABC and SBS, also run a bunch of digital-only radio stations.

Twenty seven vehicle manufacturers in Australia are now including DAB+ digital radio and 276,822 vehicles with DAB+ have been sold. Posted by: (Mike Terry, Aug 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Thanks 5055 kHz will be on air soon. Thanks (Craig, Aug 14, ARDXC distribution list via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

This cryptic item in reply to NZ DX Times distribution is apparently from the guy with the license for ex-5050, ex-5045? in NSW (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

A new HF domestic frequency has been opened up for usage in Australia and interestingly with it, a new planned transmitter site. In this case the frequency is registered for a location in Newcastle, NSW. 5055 kHz is the frequency and my suspicions proven correct that the

owner behind the frequency registration is Craig Allen of OzyRadio fame (Ian B. - swsites (AUS), Aug 14, via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

That's good news; it will be interesting to see what sender is picked and also the design of the antenna(s) (Dave G4OYX Porter, ibid.)

[non] But 5055 kHz channel is a registration request for Port Vila, Vanuatu, previously only on 3945 and 7260 kHz channels.

Port Vila, Vanuatu 3945 / 7260

5055 kHz 0700-2000 UT to zones 56,51 PVL 10kW non-dir 0 400 daily

Bis language VUT VBT RNZ-brokery. NZL

73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, ibid.)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Australia-Narrowband-Broadcast-Radio/141283812578488>

SHORTWAVE - HF - UPDATE (August 14)

"The ACMA recently opened up a new channel in the 60 meter "tropic band" for HF Domestic broadcasting. The new frequency of 5055 kHz has now been assigned bringing a total of 5 frequencies now allocated to HF/Shortwave domestic broadcasting in Australia.

2355 kHz [who? - Ron],

2368.5 kHz [Radio Symban - Ron] (120 meter band),

3210 kHz [relay of Vintage FM? - Ron] (90 meter band),

5045 kHz, 5055 kHz [both Ozy Radio? - Ron] (60 meter band)."

It should be remembered that this past February, Craig Allen wrote to me: "We will be back soon on 5045 kHz with more power, 1 kW. ozy radio," which never happened. So when Craig now says "soon," we will have to wait and see what happens. Almost daily I do check 5045, 5050, 5055, from 1130 to 1330, just to see what is going on there. Hope the latest news turns out to be timely (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 12065 // 12085, Aug 15 at 1318, R. Australia is slightly stronger on 12065 than 12085, both poor-fair, the reverse of the usual situation, since 12085 is aimed toward Alaska and 12065 toward Asia/Europe; antenna swap? Or strange propagation with major geomag storm and K-index of 7! I should have compared on two different receivers whether there was a long/short path echo between them (tho at that distance there isn't too much difference). See also CUBA: CRI Relay collides with RA 9580! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Greetings From Nevada! Propagation conditions seem to be slowly getting better, but there's still a petty high noise floor

here. R. Australia Booming in again on 9580 and also heard, albeit pretty weak, on 12085 ~1400z. 73s (--Rodney Johnson, NV, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. Reception of Reach Beyond Australia in English on August 11:
0730-0800 15490 KNX 100 kW / 080 deg to SoPac, QRM 15480 Dandal Kura.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-reach-beyond-australia-in.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Reach Beyond Australia with two different IS
1300-1445 15340 KNX 100 kW / 310 deg SoAs various, new Interval Signal
0730-0800 15490 KNX 100 kW / 080 deg SPac English, old Interval Signal
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reach-beyond-australia-with-two.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, circa Aug 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So played only 5 minutes prior, or during? (gh)

Aug 13: Reach Beyond Australia, new IS and announcement in English to SoAs 1258 on 15340 Kununurra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A22LNF86jVc&feature=youtu.be>

Aug 14: Reach Beyond Australia, old IS before English program to Pacific 0728 on 15490 Kununurra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYYJbCc1B84&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. 9677, Voice of Justice (presumed), Stepanakert, *0658-1000* and *1100-1254*, Aug 17, Azeri, march, ID: "Edaletin Sese Radiosu", programme parade, news. No traces from another station, mentioned as jamming radio from Baku!, 25442 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, DSWCI DX Window Aug 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** AZERBAIJAN. Ictimai Radio heard once again a broadband FM signal 1130-1300 on 9676.9, UNIDentified transmitter site to CeAs Azeri, August 18. After 1300, due to propagation from Asia, 9676.9 kHz is totally blocked by CRI in Russian on 9675 & RTI in Chinese+CNR-1 on 9680.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/ictimai-radio-heard-once-again.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Cf the other Blgarian's report on 9677 (gh, DXLD)

** BANGLADESH [and non]. CANADA/BANGLADESH, Bible Voice Broadcasting and Bangladesh Betar on 13580
1700-1745 13580 NAU 250 kW / 125 deg N/ME Arabic Sat BV Broadcasting
1745-1900 13580 DKA 250 kW / 320 deg WeEu English Bangladesh Betar.
Open carrier/dead air of Bangladesh Betar till 1747 and then English

news, video:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/bible-voice-broadcasting-and-bangladesh.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. 6035, Aug 13, 0018, Bhutan Broadcasting Service, Thimpu. Zum Sendestart um 0019 UT (die letzten Tage auch ein paar Minuten fr,her) ein sch^nes Signal aus dem Himalaya auf 6035 kHz, das allerdings dann bald schw%cher wird (Christoph Ratzer, Austria, SW Bulletin August 16 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 1010 to 1024 y1 with programme in Q. Good signal regularly heard 1000 and 2300 to 0030 in South Florida; 8 August (Robert Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4451.11, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2320 to 2335 weak in Spanish, first time heard in a while on 31 July; 2324 to 2345 a bit stronger with om in Spanish, always a marginal signal here. 9 August (Robert Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Thanks MDR tip!

** BOLIVIA. 5952.44, Pio XII, Siglo Veinte, 1020 to 1028 noted with good signal in some Spanish 13 August (Robert Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952, R. PIO XII, 16/8 2336 UT. Avisos de la iglesia catÓlica y de fiestas religiosas en castellano y luego continuaciÓn de un programa en idioma quechua con saludos y m'sica folklÓrica. SINPO: 54454 con leve QRM de AWR, vĩa WRMI en 5950 (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m's 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal'n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, 0350, Red Patria Nueva may have extended schedule Sundays, heard to closing abruptly at 0516 14/6. Slowly improving signal, vgd after 0500. Spanish ident as iLa Red Patria Nuevaî, promos, vocals, political speeches (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, AOR7030+. EWES to NAM, CAm & SAm, Drake SPR4 with Alpha Delta Sloper, Aug NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

6025. RED PATRIA NUEVA, 13/8 0039 UT. Informaciones, presentadas en castellano, acerca de la ciudad del Alto como parte del programa: iEl Alto de pieî, junto a entrevistas a mujeres que hablan en idioma aimara y datos de los d'as de feria. SINPO: 44454 con leve splatters de Radio Mart'.

6025, RED PATRIA NUEVA, 13/8 1054 UT. Noticia sobre la renuncia de Armando Loayza, embajador de Bolivia en el Vaticano. Adem·s, gobierno boliviano confirma espionaje por parte de periodistas chilenos debido al tema marĩtimo. La noticia es presentada en quechua, aimara y castellano. Luego avisos del gobierno como pensiÙn de invalides en idioma quechua, planes sociales, mensaje del presidente Evo Morales por el 190 aniversario e id cantado: ¡Patria Nueva, red que une al paĩs! y aviso de conexiÙn de emisoras para presentaciÙn de noticias en cadena de Red Patria Nueva ¡Cadena oficial del estado plurinacional del noticiero Bolivia Informa!. SINPO: 55555 (Claudio Galaz Toledo, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m·s 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal·n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. ONDAS QUE PROVOCAN. RADIO ILLIMANI, LOS ESTADOS Y EL NACIONALISMO

Ondas que provocan. Radio Illimani, los Estados y el nacionalismo es un libro de CristÙbal SimÙn Coronel Quisbert. Se constituye ahora en referencia obligatoria para quienes deseen conocer el surgimiento de las tecnologĩas medi·ticas y los entornos que se modificaron con su incorporaciÙn, especĩficamente en el contexto boliviano. La FundaciÙn Friedrich Ebert y el diario Los Tiempos efectuar·n una presentaciÙn - debate del trabajo, el martes 18 de agosto, a las 19.00 horas, en la segunda entidad (Plaza Quintanilla). Adem·s de por el autor, el libro ser· comentado por Gustavo Soto Santiesteban, doctor en ComunicaciÙn Social; Dolores Arce, directora ejecutiva del Centro de ProducciÙn RadiofÙnica (CEPRA) y Fernando Andrade, director de la Radio Kancha Parlaspa. Publicamos el texto de presentaciÙn inserto en el libro.

Las primeras ondas de la radio en Bolivia y particularmente en la ciudad de La Paz surgieron en la dÈcada de los aÙos veinte del siglo pasado, entre otros esparcimientos algo aristocr·ticos como las retretas, los dancings (fiestas bailables), los paseos a caballo, los dĩas de campo, las corridas de toros, las funciones de teatro y el biÙgrafo (el cine). . .

<http://www.opinion.com.bo/opinion/ramona/2015/0816/suplementos.php?id=6998>
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, Aug 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

The book, or at least this review, deals only with the early history of R. Illimani from the 1920s to 1952y (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6135. R. SANTA CRUZ, 13/8 0116 UT. CanciÙn sobre la ciudad de Santa Cruz, luego la canciÙn: ¡Hipocresĩa! en la interpretaciÙn de ¡Los pasteles verdes! e ID: ¡Radio Santa Cruz!. SINPO: 53453 con marcado QRM, en forma de heterodino de R. Aparecida de Brasil en la misma frecuencia (Claudio Galaz Toledo, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30

metros de antena de hilo, m's 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal'n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Fairly good copy on presumed Radio Santa Cruz presently (~0130 UT). Spanish language; presumed coverage of a sports event. According to Klingenfuss, R. Santa Cruz occasionally broadcasts in the 0100-0320 timeframe for football/soccer events. ID at 0134, followed by music.

Some interference from presumed near-co-channel Brazilian. SI0: 434, listening in LSB mode on JRC NRD-93 w/Dressler ARA-60 antenna in Northern Virginia, USA. To follow up, frequency is 6134.83 kHz! Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android (Jon Mulcare, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA. "GOOD NIGHT SARAJEVO" O LA HISTORIA DE UN PERIODISTA DE RADIO EN AQUEL ASEDIO --- En la Sarajevo asediada, un "soldado sin fusil de guerra", un periodista de radio, usó su voz casi sin cesar, hasta perderla, para infundir esperanza en los oyentes. Su historia se cuenta en un documental español que se exhibe en el prestigioso Festival de Cine de Sarajevo. . .
http://www.eldiario.es/cultura/Good-Night-Sarajevo-historia-periodista_0_420308200.html
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6010, R. INCONFIDENCIA, 16/8 0023 UT. Programa: 'Mestres da M'sica' con m'sica cl'sica, especialmente del periodo barroco y rococó con explicaciones de las piezas musicales y su historia. A las 0030 se identifica el programa, avisos de la emisora y del gobierno de Min'is [sic] Gerais. SINPO: 44333 con leve QRM de otras emisoras sin ID (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m's 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal'n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6160.06, R. Rio Mar, already on at 0938 with end of talk by M in Portuguese and into pleasant vocal music. Surprised this was quite audible at this time. In and out, then with more talk by M to 0952 presumed soft religious music. Fading quickly, though. Was able to // to 9694.65 at 0953 during music. One of the very rare times to get audio on this. Youtube video can be found at <https://youtu.be/UwONT2uqaU4>
(17 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus with 153 foot Delta Loop and Wellbrook ALA1530S loop, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11610, 11712, 11746, 11814, Aug 15 at 0129, cracking spurs from 11780 RNA/RNB at approx. 34 kHz intervals (but in quick tuneacross, none heard interimly around 11644, 11678, nor above 11814.

11815, Aug 18 at 0537, R. Brasil Central, music at poor level, at

first with no crackling spur out of 11780 RNA/RNB; then when it switches from talk to music, some weak crackle starts around 11815.

11855+, Aug 18 at 0537, R. Aparecida is on and very poor, while 11780 RNA/RNB is good but not overpowering and not spurring here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. Brother Stair The Overcomer Ministry 13600, 16.08.2015 1846 UT, Kostinbrod Sofia Bulgaria
<https://youtu.be/Iq3vqu3dKbE>

Radio Spaceshuttle International, 13600, 16.08.2015 1902 UT, Kostinbrod Sofia Bulgaria
<https://youtu.be/6Q0ucg-hXQQ>
(Adam Grzenia, Pszow, Poland, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 2749-USB, Aug 17 at 0152, barely audible YL robot in French with presumed marine weather, which per Bill Hepburn's site <http://www.dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm> starting at 0140 UT is Fundy, VAR-3, (Yarmouth) NS, shared with three other Maritime stations at other hours. Lucky to hear anything with summer storm noise level on 2 MHz band.

Nothing audible on the N&L channel 2598-USB. At least into fall and winter we should also check other Canadian 2 MHz marine weather channels, which are further and more exotic from here, skeds also on that site:

Eastern Arctic 2514, 2582, 4353, 6507

Western Arctic 4353, 5803, 6218.6

Pacific Coast 2054 kHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CFRX Toronto (relaying local CFRB 1010), 6070, 0639 13 AUG in ENGLISH. SINPO = 24122. Talk show, male announcer, taking calls. 0637z commercial with repeated phone number (1-800-218-9061) followed by musical interlude, chorus of pop 70s tune i get right back where we started from, then more calls with same male announcer. sf 97.5, a 12, k 3, geomag: unsettled. 1 kW, Omni, bearing 63deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 3156 km from transmitter at Toronto (Aurora) ON. Local time: 2339 (Rodney Johnson, NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So wasn't it Midnight [sic] in the Desert, from your neighbor? Maybe not: call-in number on AB website is Telephone: ``1 (952) 225-5278 (CALL-ART)``. But when I tune across CFRX, it sounds like M[sic]ITD to me as on WBCQ and WTTW without trying to match it, not synched (gh)

** CANADA [non]. CHNX 6130 featured on Radio Revival Sweden --- The next broadcast from the Swedish DX Federation will air on August 29 at

1200 UT on 7430 kHz (please check <http://www.sdx.se> for possible Changes). This time CHNX Shortwave 6130 kHz will be featured. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear some old recordings from this Canadian shortwave station which relayed CHNS 960 Halifax, Nova Scotia (Christer Brunstr m, Sweden, SW Bulletin Aug 16 via DXLD)

** CANADA. Sporadic E poking above 54 MHz: UT August 17 around 0030 some video CCI on channel A2; 6m Es map shows 77 MHz MUF centered over KS/MO, really too close to here, around 300 miles. Just a guess, the analog NTSC video is coming from Ontario rather than M xico, which often comes in here despite the maps and the antenna remains pointed SSE.

August 17 around 1530, signs of Es CCI on channel 2, leading to an FM log from Ohio: see U S A.

1753 UT check of 6m Es map, 79 MHz MUF over Illinois; next check at:

2230 UT on 2, some Es CCI; now 6m map shows 85 MHz MUF over Iowa:
<http://www.dxmaps.com/spots/map.php?Lan=E&Frec=50&Map=NA>

While the other 6m map, G7IZU RADIO REFLECTION DETECTION [sic, no X's]
<http://www.tvcomm.co.uk/radio/muf5.html>
is out of service: `` THIS SITE WILL NOT BE UPDATING BETWEEN 14th AUGUST AND 4th SEPTEMBER 2015`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. This one is for those who know --- How would you describe the music played on CBC Radio Two in three or four words maximum? Is it possible? (Mike B[ugaj], Enfield, CT, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

'Everywhere music takes you' (Karl Zuk N2KZ, ibid.)

** CANADA. END OF THE LINE FOR CKAV STATIONS IN CANADA From Wikipedia:

On March 11, 2015, Voices Radio applied with the CRTC to renew all five station licences (including the closed Ottawa outlet), which were to expire on August 31, 2015. On June 25, 2015, the CRTC denied the renewals, revoked their broadcast licenses, and ordered Voices Radio to cease broadcasting by July 25, 2015. The commission cited repeated, long-term failures by Voices Radio to adhere to the requirements of its licenses, such as a failure to broadcast a sufficient amount of local news content in each of its markets that reflects stories of interest to their respective aboriginal communities, and failing to submit annual financial and business reports, program logs, and tapes of broadcast days to the CRTC.

The CRTC intends to hold a call for applications for new aboriginal-

focused broadcasters to take on CKAV's frequencies.[12][13] The CRTC's suspension of licence in all the network's cities, except for Ottawa, was suspended on July 23, 2015, pending an application by the station for a leave to appeal the CRTC's decision (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, Aug 14, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

** CHILE. 6925-AM. RCW-Radio Compañía Worldwide. 17/8.
2258 UT. Música disco e ID de la emisora a las 23. SINPO: 35333.
2310 UT. Música chilena de los 90ís. SINPO: 55343
2330 UT. Música chilena. i.e: Javiera Parra y Los imposibles- Te amo tanto. SINPO: 55444
2345 UT. Música pop latinoamericana. SINPO: 35343
2354 UT. Aviso de cambio de frecuencia a 7550. SINPO: 45344
18/8:
0003 UT. Tono de gong de inicio. SINPO: 35444
0023 UT. Música. SINPO: 33333
0054 UT. Noticias. SINPO: 33333.
(Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m's 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal'n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** CHINA. 9660, The Firedragon, 8/11, 1140. Fair and over (Presumed) TAIWAN / RTI. Noted with //s on 7200 (VG), 7470 (VG).

13740, The Firedragon, 8/12, 0930. Music crashing, booming, over VoA Chinese language service. G.

9660, The Firedragon, 8/14, 1140. Fair and over (Presumed), TAIWAN / RTI. //s and signal strengths identical to my reception of 8/13 and log from 8/12. No other Firedragons or any O.o.B. CNR1s heard during any session.

7200, CNR1, 8/16, 1130. Apparently used as jammer (and not the Firedragon) against Radio Taiwan this morning. IDd it at BoH. 7470 was Firedragon and not // CNR1. Propagation above 31 meters very dismal from Asia, so Unknown if there are OB CNR1 jammers active today (Rick Barton, Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. ----- Original Message -----
From: ham radio bandwatch
Subject: 14045 BC
14.8.2015 1635 UT: 14045 kHz BC in Chinese + Music - same program
13675 (Radio Free Asia).

Subject: Re: 14045 BC

Intermodulation 13675 / 13860 kHz probably from

A) CHN_Shijiazhuang TX center #723 in China,

- or 29.5 km distance nearby

B) CHN_Station #951 Nanpozhuang, Pingshan, Hebei.

CHN_Shijiazhuang Huikou. Pingshan County.

Station #723 also jamming stn.

location in Google Earth

38 27 52.65 N 113 59 05.74 E

38.464625 N 113.984928 E

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=38.464625&lon=113.984928&z=17.5&r=0&src=arc>

1. - likely not 100% RFA Chinese on 13675 kHz channel alone ?

BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY? Since I have doubts,

13675 * R.FREE ASIA 1500-1700 daily Chinese 250kW 95deg, location

Dushanbe Yangiyul Tajikistan RFA1/IBB a15 season

* Asterix on table mean :

PLUS

Jamming - from Mainland China, also co-channel 13675 kHz,

2. - Physics - I strongly suspect an Intermodulation on TX center site

13675 / 13860 = 14045 kHz, theoretical also on symmetrical 13490 kHz.

3. - Mathematics, Difference 370 kHz, /half = 185 kHz.

13675

- 185

13490 (Intermodulation Russian of 13860 kHz)

13675

+ 185

13860 fundamental Russian foreign service

13860 CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL 1500-1700 daily Russian 500kW 315deg

Shijiazhuang TX center #723 in CHN CRI a15

13860

+ 185

14045 kHz (Intermodulation Chinese of jamming station on 13675 kHz.)

conclusion: both - the Jammer 13675 and 13860 kHz come from the

Russian service Shijiazhuang TX Center # 723 in CHINA, and in addition the two intermodulation signals.

but there is another SW TX broadcast center close by, some only 29.5 kms distance away - like TX center #951.

CHN_Station 951 Nanpozhuang_ 38.217138 N 114.105546 E

Like the tall TEN(!) 8-row antenna installations fit better on the 500 kW beasts, especially also the requested 315 degrees azimuth registrations.

location in Google Earth
38 13 10.49 N 114 06 19.13 E
38.217138 N 114.105546 E

<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=38.217138&lon=114.105546&z=16.4&r=0&src=arc>

fits better ... vy73 wolfgang df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. LA RADIO, INSTRUMENTO PARA EXPLICAR LA PAZ EN ZONAS REMOTAS DE COLOMBIA --- Elizabeth Reyes L. Bogot. 19 AGO 2015 - 02:01 CEST

Periodistas en uno de los talleres sobre narrativas radiales de paz. / KEWIN SANTOS [caption]

iYo nombro a mi esposo Luis Javier Laverde Salazar, porque nombrarlo es tener memoria y tener memoria es no llegar al olvido. La que habla es Luz Helena Galeano. Est. en la radio y durante cinco minutos repetir. dos veces m.s la misma frase. Al fondo se escucha una estrofa de Mujer Divina, esa salsa pegajosa de Joe Cuba. iMulata, mi prieta, mi cielo, te quiero, te adoro, divina mujer. Luz Helena tararea lo que le cantaba su esposo y cuenta sin afanes que desapareci. el 9 de diciembre de 2008 en la comuna 13 de Medell. Un grupo de paramilitares lo baj. de un bus y, desde entonces, desconoce su paradero.

El programa radial se llama Memorias en voz alta del productor Juan Gabriel Vanegas y fue transmitido en Esquina Radio, una emisora comunitaria de Medell. que se escucha en el centro y las comunas del oriente de la ciudad. . .
http://internacional.elpais.com/internacional/2015/08/18/actualidad/1439924689_815598.html

English version to be uploaded shortly on our El Pa's webpage. 73s, (Marty Delf. (Madrid, Spain), Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz., with

numerous embedded link in original:

In English:

WHY RADIO IS PROVING THE BEST MEDIUM TO PROMOTE COLOMBIA'S PEACE
PROCESS

http://elpais.com/elpais/2015/08/19/inenglish/1439991467_263659.html
(via DXLD)

I want to say my husband's name, Luis Javier Laverde Salazar, because naming him is keeping him alive in my memory and remembering him will prevent him from falling into obscurity.

That was the message repeated for five minutes by Luz Helena Galeano during a recent broadcast on Esquina Radio, a community radio station located in the Colombian city of Medellín.

Playing in the background as she spoke was Mujer Divina, a popular hit by late salsa singer Joe Cuba that Galeano explained her husband would often sing. Laverde Salazar was taken by a group of paramilitaries on December 9, 2008 and has not been heard from since.

Esquina Radio is part of a new project aimed at bringing people in touch with the peace process

Esquina Radio is one of many stations across Colombia taking part in a new project aimed at bringing citizens in touch with the ongoing peace process between the government and insurgent and paramilitary groups. The short programs also serve as a platform to help discover the whereabouts of some of the thousands of victims of the decades-long conflict that has divided the country.

Juan Gabriel Vanegas is the producer of Esquina Radio's Memorias (Memories), a five-minute program that can be heard in downtown Medellín and some of the city's outlying eastern areas.

The format allows family members to broadcast the name of a wife, husband, child or other loved one who has been a victim of the armed conflict so that they may never be forgotten.

Vanegas's spot was one of around 50 programs that took part in a national radio contest held with the aim of telling stories about truth, memory, reconciliation and the building of peace in Colombia.

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FARC and Colombia resume talks despite rising tensions over bombings

War as usual in Colombia

While the government of President Juan Manuel Santos has made reconciliation part of his agenda for the peace talks now taking place in Havana with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), many Colombians feel distant from the process.

Some communities affected by the conflict have questioned whether they will receive any special benefits if and when a peace treaty is signed.

For this reason, the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace this year began training journalists and announcers working at hundreds of small community radio stations across the country.

In many remote regions in Colombia, radio is the only medium to which people have access.

The [Havana] peace talks were something that was going on thousands of kilometers from here," explains Ivonne Pico, a member of the Resander media cooperative in the Santander region, which is also taking part in the journalist training project.

"We had to begin by explaining what was being discussed and what isn't being negotiated. We also gave advice on how to go about informing listeners," explains Pico, who adds that the radio announcers need to understand how the peace process works.

While Santos has made reconciliation part of his peace agenda, Colombians feel distant from the process

After that came the stories. These aren't about the Havana talks, but about reconciliation and forging peace in the different communities affected by the violence. People from all parts of the country have given their suggestions on how to bring about peaceful co-existence in their towns and villages.

"It is a peace that doesn't just begin or end in Havana," says Jos   Lu  s Mu  oz, another project trainer.

The stories are all available to be downloaded and used by community stations from the Contamos para la paz (We speak for peace) website.

They are full of lessons of hope and resistance, and include testimonies from women, hip-hop artists, soccer players, teachers who saved their students from being recruited by the guerrillas and paramilitaries, and displaced residents who returned to their communities only to find them ransacked and destroyed.

It is a peace that doesn't just begin or end in Havana," says one project trainer

"Telling stories is powerful – it shows new paths, reveals the people behind the stories, and shapes communities," says Muñoz.

Air time is also given to those who are angry about the many kidnappings and others who want alternatives to growing coca.

But most of them agree that peace can only be accomplished on a day-by-day basis.

"In those regions, where blood has been shed, we also have the possibility of beginning to rewrite history," says Pico (via Delfin, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** CRIMEA. ROSKOMNADZOR REGISTERS PUBLIC CRIMEAN TATAR TELEVISION CHANNEL, RADIO STATION**

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http://rbth.co.uk/news/2015/08/14/roskomnadzor_registers_public_crimean_tatar_television_channel_radio_station_48509.html

Roskomnadzor has registered the public Crimean Tatar television channel Millet (which translates as "People") and the radio station Vatan Sedasy (which translates as "Echo of the motherland"), the press service for the Crimean Information Ministry reported on Aug. 14. "The next step for the television channel will be to obtain a license to broadcast on the territory of the Republic Crimea," the press release says.

The Crimean Council of Ministers on July 9 registered an autonomous non-commercial organization called the Public Crimean Tatar Television and Radio Company. Its founder is the State Committee on Ethnic Relations, a government structure.

The work of the television channel and radio station will be supervised by a public council comprising of experts on the history, culture and language of the Crimean Tatar people. The composition of the council will be determined by the head of the Republic of Crimea and council members will be elected for a period of five years, and they will not be able to combine their work with work for the authorities.

Sergei Aksyonov, the head of the Republic of Crimea, said in April 2015 that Crimea will get 177 million rubles (\$2.7 million) from federal sources for the creation of public Crimean Tatar television.

Public television is being created to replace the audience of the private television and radio company ATR, which is oriented towards the Crimean Tatar audience and which stopped broadcasting in the region in early April after not registering as a Russian media organization. Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD)

Above article led to a bit of a flamewar between pro-Ukrainian and pro-Russian partisans in the yg (gh)

** CUBA. 15740, RHC, 05-AUG at 2259+, on tune-in heard end of Spanish male speaking voice to positive Spanish Radio Habana Cuba ID at 2300Z, complete with RHC ID music & time chimes, SS male gave RHC frequencies & Internet\contact information, then soft female Spanish vocal/instrumental music. SIO~444, R75 + balcony Z1501F active vertical (Tom Root, Flushing MI, MARE Tipsheet 14 Aug via DXLD)

Typo for 13740, or new frequency? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9505-9565, Aug 14 at 0014, RHC 9535 transmitter is surrounded by horrible big buzz field equally on both sides, and obviously the source. Not so much immediately adjacent, but roughly equally spread 9505-9530 and 9540-9565, tapering off at the edges. RRI 9520 Romanian is strong as usual, but can still hear the Cubuzz under it; weak Iran carriers on 9510 & 9550 haven't a chance. At 9565, Cuban jammer against nothing takes over the interference duties. And to think, Arnie said he chose 9535 for RHC in honor of Spain which had quit this and most other SW frequencies last year; but Spain never messed up the band like this!

[and non]. Morning of Aug 14 at 1427, the big US-flag-raising ceremony is underway at the embassy in Habana. SOS Kerry is speaking on RHC 15730, 15370, 15230, 13740, 11950, 11860 at least, and also on R. Marti, 13605 well atop the jamming and 11930 buried by it --- plus Aa change ---. Both stations are intent on converting what he is saying into Spanish rather than the original English (but he does break into schoolboy-Spanish for a portion).

RHC coverage is running 10 seconds ahead of MSNBC, and guess what, CNN is NOT covering it live, instead an appearance by Jeb. It is also live on one of the C-SPANs, but without the offset measured. Nice to hear the Star Spangled Banner on RHC at 1437; the band followed with Stars & Stripes Forever, and God Bless AmÈrica (but I was hearing those clearly only on cable TV). Earlier the Cuban NA played in a much shorter version than we are accustomed to on RHC.

5955, Aug 15 at 0121, pulse jamming against nothing as the stupid DentroCuban Jamming Command is still paranoid/forgetful about the one-time low-power Costa Rican frequency (more like 5954) of Radio

República, gone for several years, but which is now blasting in from France on 9490, requiring wall-of-noise jamming there.

9580, Aug 15 at 1252, Radio AUSTRALIA has heavy CCI from CRI in Cantonese via Cuba, which is on this frequency by mistake instead of 9570; 9580 is supposed to be only the *evening* frequency for CRI relays! By 1315 recheck, during CRI English, back on 9570 where it belongs.

6165 & 6100 & 6060 & 5040, Aug 18 at 0542, NO signals from RHC English --- all these are off the air, why? Leaving only 6000. 5025 R. Rebelde is also off. Well, 6165, 6100, 6060, 5040 and 5025 are all from the Bauta site, while 6000 is Tit:n; diversification saves RHC from total silence. Next morning circa 1300 I don't notice anything missing.

11860 & 13740, Aug 19 at 1410 & 1411, RHC is open carrier/dead air on these, normal music in Spanish service on 11950, 15230, 15370, 15730; very poor at 1414 on 9820, poor-fair on 9640 --- and as a bonus, at 1412, undermodulated RHC on 15700 instead of CRI English relay! (earlier, CRI was normal on 9570) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Palm Tree Logos --- A palm tree logo was mentioned elsewhere. Christopher knows more about this than I do. I've seen photos on the Internet of old Cuban test patterns with palm trees on them. The only palm tree logo that I recall in my collection is this one from a promo on Cubavision in December of 2012.

Name: IMG_7866.JPG Views: 22 Size: 64.3 KB

<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?10180-Palm-Tree-Logos&p=36759#post36759>

(Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, Aug 19

Mexico/Latin America TV DX ID Tips <http://www.tvdxtips.com>

Submit and read DTV Stats

<http://www.tvdxexpo.com/dtvdrecords.html>

TV and DTV DX Photographs <http://www.tvdxexpo.com>

My Photographs of 100 Mexico TV DX Local IDs

<http://www.tvdxexpo.com/100mexicotvids.html>

More than 1,100 TV logs since 1994, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

That's a very long-running TV show. It premiered on October 17, 1962; it was produced and aired live until the 70s. It's a musical program, with a focus on traditional Cuban guajira/campesina-type music (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, "...Un servicio m's de Radio Programas de MÈxico," *ibid.*)

Thanks, Raymie. Christopher told me that back when I first made the photograph. It must be an entertaining show (Danny, *ibid.*)

Ah, Palmas y Canas, donde nace lo cubano. Every Sunday night at 7pm, 1 hour. I discovered this show in maybe 1992 or so. I thought it was live every week to this day; apparently not. I prefer when they do the remotes, to where you could see the countryside.

During the hour there are usually two or three poesías or controversias --- obviously a political statement, where the "singers sing," although it's practically one constant note until they drop a note or two, then the small guitars strum a bit (always the same tune) until another "verse" is "sung." Well I guess it beats rap! [a style also heard on RHC, especially `Cuba Campesina`, Sundays ~1230 UT -gh]

I have two or three episodes taped from the Keys in decent shape, but I have none of constant color and good picture. It is available online on their Web channel, although I am in no mood to promote it.

I would sure be curious if any old P y C's survive from the early 60s; but really the music hasn't changed in 50+ years, and that is okay with me.

Oh, before I forget --- one of our Spanish LD's has their own Miami version of P y C, and doggone if I remember the name of the show. It, too, has a palm tree logo showing in the corner. I think the word "Clave" is shown, and the V in Clave is formed by 2 palm trees. cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines, ibid.)

** CZECHIA [non]. G,nter Jacob in Passau, Germany always drops into the mailbox with precision timing: My report on reception of the IRDR trial program 14 months ago, via Madagascar on 21840 kHz, has now been verified by Vladislav Cip of HFCC. I hope to find out still if he is a relative to Oldrich Cip, whom you might remember as iPeter Skalaî on Radio Prague's DX programs in the 1960s. Neville Henry and I met him during the EDXC Conference in Vienna in 1969 (Aug NZ DX Times via DXLD) Vladislav is the son of Oldrich [pronounced Cheep, with a hook over the C] (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. CHINA, 13669.971, One of the very few China mainland 'odd' frequency transmissions, noted at 0950 UT on Aug 14. S=8 signal in southern Germany, XJBS Urumqi PBS Xinjiang, Uighur language service (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT [and non]. OUT OF THE PAST AND CFA --- Some of you know that in my working days I was involved with WJIB-96.9, WXHR/WCAS-740 (along with John Callarman) and of course KFOG. The two FMs were represented in NYC by QMI (Quality Media Inc.) for purposes of procuring national advertising. The principals were Bob Richer (the selling) and Jim Schulke (the music). The company represented many igood music/easy

listening stations, but the music on them was inconsistent, so QMI produced music tapes which the stations were contractually bound to use. QMI dissolved but Schulke went on to form SRP (Stereo Radio Productions). So two days ago, I got a call from Bob Richer who I was sure had retired.

Nope. He is (1) serving as a broker for European radio stations and (2) doing some work on cross field antennas. He dropped his teeth when I said I knew what a CFA was and that one was in use in Egypt on 864 kHz. He went on to say that there are now ten of them in use in Egypt. I am not totally sure what his role in this is but I do know he is seeking some financing. He said the FCC is interested. I am sure there are others on this list who are closer to this than I am and can update the information (Pete Taylor, Tacoma, WA, 12225w 4719n, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Cross field antenna theory has been debunked (gh, DXLD)

** EGYPT. 9965, Aug 18 at 0052, R. Cairo, S9 peaks but open carrier/dead air except for whine in Arabic service

9315, Aug 18 at 0052, R. Cairo, S9+5 and just barely modulated presumably Spanish

11935, Aug 18 at 0053, R. Cairo, S5 and JBM presumed Spanish

12070, Aug 18 at 0053, R. Cairo, S4 and JBM presumed Spanish. This one is normally at least as strong as 11935, often much stronger; what happened? Not that it matters without decent modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Observations of Radio Cairo August 18:

1600-1800 13820 ABS 250 kW / 091 deg SoAs Urdu, as scheduled A-15
1600-1800 17840 ABZ 250 kW / 170 deg CEAF Swahili, inactive BUT heard
1700-1730 9280 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg N/ME Swahili, instead of Turkish
1730-1900 9280 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg N/ME Turkish, as scheduled A-15
1800-1900 9490 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WEU Italian, as scheduled A-15
1900-2000 9665 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WEU German, as scheduled A-15
1900-2000 9685 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg EEU Russian, as scheduled A-15
2000-2115 9665 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WEU French, as scheduled A-15
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/egypt-observations-of-radio-cairo-on.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9315, Aug 19 at 0227, R. Cairo is JBM in English, poor around S4; a little more signal a few minutes later, but without adequate modulation, what's the point?

9965, Aug 19 at 0233, R. Cairo, presumed Arabic, undermodulated, whine, S8. Nothing audible on 13850, too hi for MUF if on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 1445 and 1455 UT noted two opening procedures of Radio Cairo, on fingerprint exact frequencies:

13580.035 - S=9+10dB in southern Germany, and heard a 1002 Hertz test tone in 1448 to 1500 UT, as a loop some 3 minutes lasting and a break of 3 seconds in between, like a repeat loop. Albanian registered to start at 1500 UT. Also visible are both 1002 and 3006 Hertz tone peaks, but NOT ON 2004 Hertz!

The other Radio Cairo engineer test opening procedure noted on 15160.002 kHz, similar typical Cairo Egypt tone tests on 1003 and 2006 Hertz seen visible at 1457-1500 UT, followed by registered Uzbek language program. wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ERITREA [non]. FRANCE. 15245, August 15, 2015 at 1756-1800 UT, VOICE OF ASSENNA. Male Announcer in Tigrinya, with Ethiopian style music in the background. Gave website info. Signed off abruptly at 1800. SINPO 44444. (Ed Sylvester, Baghdad, Iraq, AOR AR-5000A+3, Indoor Pixel Magnetic Loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. At 1426 UT on Aug 19 logged Radio Ethiopia on 7235.174, ... wandered up and down few 10 Hertz, to 7235.165 kHz. wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. FRANCE, Oromo Voice Radio and Radio Xoriyo on August 17: Oromo Voice Radio, Raadiyoo Sagalee Oromoo
1600-1615 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Mon
1615-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf English Monday

Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise digital jamming
Radio Xoriyo Ogaden

1600-1630 on 17870 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Mon

Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise digital jamming

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/oromo-voice-radio-and-radio-xoriyo.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, Voice of Oromo Liberation back on air Aug. 19, after wrong Media Broadcast connection with Athmeeya Yatrahe-GFA previous Wednesday:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/athmee-yatrahe-gfa-instead-of-voice-of.html>

1700-1730 on 17630 NAU 250 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Oromo Wed

1730-1800 on 17630 NAU 100 kW / 135 deg to EaAf Amharic Wed

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-oromo-liberation-back-on-air.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. PIRATE-EURO. Radio Crombi-England, 6390 AM, 2337-2342 08/07/15, SI0: 343. Pretty nice signal with a couple of tunes by Mr. Polska, into full sign off ID 2342 with ID, then off. Supposedly the email address is: matt-44@hotmail.co.uk but emails have gone unanswered so far. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Abu Dhabi, 6250.6260 AM, 2355-0037, 08-07/08-15, SI0: 232, Hank Williams tune, instrumental guitar mx, polkas, moved between 6250/6260 several times. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Radio Focus International, 6286.3 AM, 2311-2355, 08-08-15, SI0: 232. Pop music, hard to hear in noisy band cx (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter dipole, G5RV, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FIJI [and non]. Rockwork 4 DXpedition -- Ultralight Radio + FSL loggings & MP3's --- Hello All, From August 6 to 10, three fanatical transoceanic DXers once again chased South Pacific medium wave DX at Rockwork 4 -- a plunging ocean cliff dropping straight down 400 feet (122 meters) to the Pacific below. My DXpedition partners Chuck Hutton and Tom Rothlisberger set up small broadband loops for Perseus-SDR spectrum capture, while I set up 17" and 12" FSL antennas for live DXing with Ultralight radios. A photo of the busy cliff-side DXpedition setup on August 7th is posted at <https://app.box.com/s/fa2heca0v31l2umbc84ko7zq2oj9k8uy>

Once again exceptional South Pacific propagation was enjoyed on several days, including a low-band opening to Australia that resulted in a long distance logging of 558-6WA in Wagin, West Australia -- breaking the Ultralight radio all-time worldwide DX distance record.

558, Radio Fiji, Suva, (10 kW) Listed as inactive in the 2015 WRTH and not listed in the current PAL, the station was heard weakly in June at this location by Tom and me (and without interruption, by some NZ DXers). This powerful (near S9) signal recorded on the last day of the DXpedition features the station's typical Polynesian choral music format, and is solid evidence that the transmitter has been repaired. <https://app.box.com/s/vq9768fgfvqdjeuc30dtqkt2m6p9u7rh>

558, Radio Sport, Invercargill, New Zealand (5 kW) Very rare South Island Kiwi snuck through with a few seconds of Yankee-accented English (from the American Fox Sports Network) // 774 at 1304 on 8-6 (headphones recommended); this obscure station is always a tough challenge

<https://app.box.com/s/cnzp33v5vz3f0po8lwx56s87qb5ufdl>

558, 4GY, Gympie, Australia (5 kW) Presumed the one during all-Australian propagation with commercial ads mixed with apparent talk format near end of recording; DXpedition partner Chuck Hutton had the talk-format SRN network // on 639 at the time to confirm his own reception of 4GY, which broadcasts the SRN talk format during this period.

<https://app.box.com/s/6nl2diq31sw5n0czulp1oew5isj1upt4>

558, 6WA, Wagin, Australia (50 kW) Relatively weak logging made at the end of a session featuring Australian-slanted propagation, this recording features the typical LR network male-female interview format and announcer voices, with programming identical to an LR network signal from 828-3GI heard by DXpedition partner Tom Rothlisberger. Fortunately, 6WA is the only LR network station on the frequency. A new Ultralight radio worldwide DX distance record at 9,137 miles / 14,704 km.

<https://app.box.com/s/qihuia6gdcc07l4z3jix5f8gwwzycg26>

(Gary DeBock, Puyallup WA, IRCA via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 25000, Time Signal Station Mikes, Espoo, 1915-1923, 11-08, time signals, beeps with the seconds and silent at second 59. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo and Reinante, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. Some details for Radio Maria France [1467 kHz; re 15-32] --- YES, now the station offices & studios are in La Garde Freinet; the station moved to this place in May 2015, so it was impossible to give this address in the WRTN 2015!

The station is on the air (in French) from COL DE LA MADONE in Peille near Monaco. The power is 40 kW, schedule 0600-2000 (local time) so 0500-1900 UT in Winter and 0400-1800 UT in Summer. Also 24 hours a day in MONACO (transmitter in Jardin Exotique, 100 watts [? Also 1467 kHz?]). And since July 2015 also on Digital Radio with DAB+ Bloc 8A (195.236 MHz) from MONT AGEL near Monaco.

Note that in the evening TransWorld Radio use 1467 kHz from ROUMOULES, some 150 km north from Col de la Madone. Transmitters, both on MW, FM and Digital Radio belong to Monte Carlo Radiodiffusion (MCR) and according to I.T.U these are listed under MONACO.

Now the station on 702 kHz heard in the morning and evening is coming from ALGERIA. It's Radio Laghouat (with relay from Radio Coran and Radio Culture). Signal like a local station, here in Nice from 0400 UT. 73 is from Nice and Monaco (Christian Ghibaudo, Aug 17, WORLD OF

RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 13695, Aug 16 at 2021, poor signal in African language, i.e. Hausa as scheduled this semihour only from RFI via Issoudun; I was checking 13700 for possible WHRI carace (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNID 13750

** GAMBIA. MUSIC IN THE GAMBIAN MEDIA --- By Oko Drammeh
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201508141520.html>

Music journalism in The Gambia has a long tradition, following the established British publications that circulated in Banjul, such as Melody Maker and Rolling Stone, and the radio programmes of Radio Caroline and the BBC World Service. One of the most famous Gambian bands, The Super Eagles, was a regular feature on the BBC World Service and was among the first African bands to tour the UK in the 1960s, enjoying widespread media coverage across Africa.

The Gambia Information Service, which was supervised by the British government before independence in 1965, provided coverage of the Super Eagles UK tours and reviews of their albums and concerts. At the time there was only one newspaper in the country, the government-run, The Gambia News Bulletin, a paper that shaped Gambian journalism and included a column that covered music events, art and culture.

Fortunately, a lot has changed since then. This text provides an overview of The Gambia media, particularly as it relates to the local music industry.

Radio

Radio Gambia was first established in 1962. At first it was only a news station, operating from 6pm in the evenings to midnight and rebroadcast programme from other parts of Africa and England, particularly the BBC. The music that was played on Radio Gambia was British popular music (such as The Beatles and The Rolling Stones), as well as American country music (such as Buck Owens and Jim Reeves), and later Caribbean calypso music. The national broadcaster later evolved into GRTS, which today features plenty of local Gambian music, for example on a weekly programme every Monday.

Radio Syd was established in 1969, the first all-day music station in The Gambia. It was operated from offshore by Britt Wadner from Sweden. Before the commencement of Radio Syd, Wardner and her husband had a ship docked in Banjul that functioned as a nightclub called Cheeta 2. In the early days the station's play list was mainly American pop music of the day - rock & roll and soul. It broadcast in English, French, Wolof and Madinka, with French being dropped in favour of a

third national language, Fula. As a shortwave station (SW) it could be heard all over Senegal, Mauritania and Guinea Bissau. Over the years, Radio Syd created the platform for Gambian musicians and journalists throughout the region. The station ceased transmitting around 2001.

Today most of the radio stations in The Gambia are music stations. They typically play up to 20 hours of music a day, and link to Radio Gambia for the English and local news. There are currently more than 15 FM Stations in The Gambia. These include West Coast Radio, which offers two services: West Coast 1 for youth programming and urban music, and West Coast 2 for news and local music.

Capital Radio is a popular music station that plays and promotes Gambian and Senegalese music. Vibes FM 106.1 plays plenty of a reggae and hip-hop by both Gambian and US artists.

Kora FM 103.9 is a station that promotes the sound of the Kora and the traditions of the Griots. City Limits Radio is a private station that mixes Senegalese music and West African music and reggae with talk shows and European programming.

Unique FM 100.7 promotes Gambian urban music for 20 hours a day and also broadcasts programming from Voice of America (VOA).

Due [maybe] to an apparent lack of Gambian music to broadcast, many Gambian radio stations play a lot of Senegalese music, which is still in demand since both countries share the same tribes and languages (Fulani, Mandingo, Wolof and Jola). Senegal is a relatively large country with a more developed music industry, with numerous recording studios, CD pressing plants and printing outlets. Many Gambian musicians therefore choose to record their music in Senegal and register their copyrights in Dakar with the local collection agency, BSDA.

Television

The state broadcaster, The Gambia Radio and Television Services (GRTS), is the only local TV station in The Gambia. The station was established in December 1995 following a decree by the Gambian government that merged the first national television station with Radio Gambia. As with GRTS Radio, GRTS TV broadcasts music-related programmes that cater to a variety of musical tastes, from traditional and urban to international, such as 'FILA', 'African Mix', 'Goudi Samdi', 'Bollywood Showbiz', 'Dial GRTS Request Show' and 'Ada Ak Coosan'.

Print & Online Media

The Daily Observer newspaper has the largest circulation in The Gambia. It publishes two pages dedicated to music, which comes out on Fridays. These music pages include a gig guide and album reviews by Sheriff Janko and a column on Gambia's musical legends by Oko Drammeh.

Other newspapers with good music coverage include The Point, which runs a one-page music column on Fridays by Njie Baldeh that covers upcoming events and new releases. The Voice has a culture page on Fridays that cover music events and also includes interviews with artists. The Standard newspaper has a weekly column on Wednesdays that interviews Gambian arts professionals - not only musicians but also writers and fashion designers, for example.

Other popular news sources include What's On Gambia and Gambia Affairs. Another highly useful online resource is Access Gambia, a directory of Gambian companies and operators, including in the music industry. Smaller blogs dedicated to Gambian music include Gambian Music & Musicians, although this has not been updated since 2012 and The Gambia Experience, which includes some info on traditional Gambian music and instruments.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Tweet from RFE/RL ex-HQ Munich --- Alex Belida, ex-RFE/RL, ex-VOA, tweets from the former RFE/RL headquarters in Munich ...
<https://twitter.com/Goatnotes/status/632553492578725888>

If international broadcasting has ghosts, certainly some of them are here. Posted by: (Kim Andrew Elliott, DC, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

Sure remember that place! When I was stationed in Germany with NATO forces in the early 80's, I paid them a visit. A high security wall and guard post, and very suspicious until they saw my NATO passport. They didn't let me in, but provided me with some schedules, etc. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.) Tweet leads to his general travels (gh)

** GERMANY. GERMANY'S INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING EFFORT
<http://myjournalcourier.com/news/84711/germanys-international-broadcasting-effort>

It was 78 years ago, eight years after the end of Germany's disastrous Second World War and the collapse of the Nazi regime, when the country's radio network again began international radio broadcasts called Deutsche Welle with headquarters in Berlin and Bonn. It now broadcasts information and news in 30 languages. Its satellite television service offers channels in English, German, Spanish and Arabic.

DW also runs its own center for international media education, the

Deutsche Welle Akademie. In line with post-war Germany's political orientation, DW claims to pursue democratic and liberal policies based on the rule of law.¹ It also provides access to the German language for its audiences abroad, about 100 million people worldwide.

I was a student at Miami University in Ohio when, on May 3, 1953, I heard West German President Theodor Heuss make the first shortwave broadcast on DW. With the reunification of Germany in 1990, the East German Radio Berlin International ceased, so that DW could take over transmitting facilities at Nauen near Berlin.

By September 1994, the network became the first international broadcaster in Germany. Since then, the company's Internet news site has been offering daily coverage in seven core languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian. In 2007, Persian became the eighth focus language. In addition, DW offers programs in 23 other languages. German and European news are the network's central focus, but it also broadcasts world news and German language courses.

In 2001, DW created a subscription television channel for North American viewers. The project, however, was shut down after four years when the number of subscribers did not justify the effort. It has since been replaced by DW's television channel, also a subscription service.

The network continues to suffer from financial and staffing cuts. Its budget was recently reduced by about 75 million Euro over five years. Of the 2,200 employees it had in 1994, only 1,200 remain.

In 2011, DW announced a major reduction of service including the closing of most of its FM services in the Balkans (except for Romania) but it also offered to expand its network of FM partners in Africa. Broadcasts for Hausa and Kishwahili, as well as for French and Portuguese in Africa, were increased for FM broadcasts. DW also offers a daily regional radio magazine in English to be rebroadcast by partners in Africa. The network recently also announced that it would focus on FM partnerships for Bengali, Urdu, Dari/Pashtu and Indonesian for South Asia.

In June of this year, DW's television launched a 24-hour English-language news channel with a new design and a new studio. The effort offers 30-minute updates every hour and 60-minute programs twice a day on weekdays. DW no longer uses any of the transmitters based in Germany.

The DW's Akademie is an international center for media development and journalism training for partners around the world. The school offers

an 18-month program for young journalists that provides editorial training in the three areas in which DW produces content: radio, television and online. The Akademie's master's program in International Media Studies is offered in cooperation with the University of Bonn. The four-semester program combines the disciplines of media development, media regulation, and communications. The seminars are held in English and German since the degree is aimed at media representatives from developing countries.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, August 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. NOVEDADES DE LA DEUTSCHE WELLE
by gruporadioescuchaargentino

La reestructuración de la cadena de radio y televisión internacional alemana Deutsche Welle (DW) se está llevando a cabo en arreglo a directrices comunitarias, lo que la convierte en un instrumento más de propaganda de la Unión Europea en su ofensiva mediática contra Rusia, denuncia el medio digital alemán TelÉpolis.

"Se reconocen tendencias y vínculos que confirman todos los temores existentes: la ampliación de la Deutsche Welle se está llevando a cabo explícitamente en consonancia con la política de frentes de la política exterior de la UE", afirma el autor del artículo, Neuber explica que este canal de televisión ocupó durante años una posición bastante marginal, pasando desapercibida para el público alemán y sin ser capaz de competir con las grandes cadenas de televisión internacionales, los que llevaron a varios recortes de presupuesto y personal.

Pero según el articulista, la crisis en Ucrania y el nombramiento como director del antiguo corresponsal en la OTAN de la televisión pública alemana, Peter Limbourg, proporcionaron a la DW un nuevo objetivo, de tal modo que "las agresivas declaraciones de Limbourg" sobre Rusia "surtieron efecto: el presupuesto (de DW) crecerá 12 millones de euros para el año 2016". Limbourg, escribe Neuber, pretende convertir a la DW en un "buque insignia" de los medios alemanes "dirigido contra Rusia": "para conseguir los recursos necesarios podrían suprimirse numerosos pequeños programas de la cadena para Asia Central, Latinoamérica e incluso China".

El 22 de junio DW anunció en su página web un cambio de imagen y de programación, suprimiendo varios programas y ampliando el número de informativos.

El pasado 15 de diciembre unos 600 empleados de la cadena, apoyados por los sindicatos, se manifestaron frente a la Puerta de Brandeburgo en Berlín contra los recortes y las precarias condiciones de trabajo.

"El repentino cambio en la orientación de Deutsche Welle es parte de una estrategia global del Gobierno alemán y la Unión Europea para los Estados de la así llamada Asociación oriental", señala el colaborador de Telepolis en referencia a los antiguos países del Bloque oriental, de los que se espera "que estén vinculados política y económicamente a la UE, y con ello más o menos a la OTAN". En particular, DW busca dirigirse a los rusos que viven en las repúblicas bálticas (Estonia, Letonia y Lituania), Polonia y Ucrania.

Neuber menciona las declaraciones de un coronel del Ejército alemán:

"Una Deutsche Welle reforzada puede enviar de manera efectiva informaciones y señales de apoyo a los habitantes de Europa oriental, también a los millones de rusos que viven en el extranjero allí", dijo un coronel del Bundeswehr citado por el diario Handelsblatt. Telepolis también apunta a que personal de la DW asistió probablemente a una reunión en Bruselas con el objetivo de diseñar una estrategia para contrarrestar la supuesta influencia de los medios rusos. Sin embargo, Berlín se ha negado a proporcionar a la lista de asistentes o los criterios de selección de los participantes, a pesar de que existe una petición oficial para su publicación de la diputada de La Izquierda en el Bundestag (Parlamento) Heike Hensel (via GRA blog via DXLD)

No source is given for this story, the gist of which is that DW is being repurposed into an anti-Russian propaganda machine by EU at the expense of services for other countries, even China (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. DP7 Seewetterbericht relay DX News on Aug. 16
1230-1235 on 9560 KLL 020 kW / non-dir to CeEu English
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/dp7-seewetterbericht-relay-dx-news-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787,
DX LISTENING DIGEST) probably only ham DX news (gh, ibid.)

** GREECE. Voice of Greece is on air on Aug. 14 after off air at 0606
UT Aug. 13:

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| 0800-0806 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | Greek |
| 0800-0806 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | Greek |
| 0806-0817 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | Romanian/Serbian/Russian |
| 0806-0817 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | Romanian/Serbian/Russian |
| 0817-0909 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | Greek |
| 0817-0909 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | Greek |
| 0909-0912 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | Spanish, Albanian missing |
| 0909-0912 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | Spanish, Albanian missing |
| 0912-1201 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | Greek, freq.ann. at 0915 UT |
| 0912-1201 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | Greek, freq.ann. at 0915 UT |
| 1201-1207 | 9420 | AVL | 170 | kW | / | 323 | deg | WeEu | English |
| 1201-1207 | 11645 | AVL | 100 | kW | / | 182 | deg | NoAf | English |

from 1207 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek
from 1207 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg NoAf Greek
from 1300 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, co-ch CNR13 Uyghur
from 1300 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek
Traditional 9420 with clear audio, but 11645 and 9935 with terrible audio
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-is-on-air-on-aug14.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Voice of Greece is on air from 0800 UT Aug 14 on 9420 and terrible 11645 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

11644.941v Annoying BUZZ tone accompanied the S=8-9 ERT audio signal from Avlis here in southern Germany at 0915 UT on Aug 14.
[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

BUZZ signal like GARDEN FENCE showed in Perseus browser screen
12 x accompanied buzz spur peak signals - each sideband - peaks at 247 Hertz apart distance ... and 494 Hertz apart, and so on like fence each sideband.

At 0915 UT Aug 14 on both 9420.005 kHz S=9+10dB, and 11644.941v kHz S=8-9 fair signal strength in Germany, but S=9+10dB in Moscow, Russia on 182 degrees north-south azimuth curtain antenna.

Nothing noted on either 9935, 15630, nor 15650 kHz channels (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

0806-0817 news in Romanian/Serbian/Russian
0909-0912 news in Spanish, Albanian missing
Videos will be added later today
Please check after 1200 UT news in English! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Voice of Greece on 9935 from 1300 UT // 9420
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-is-on-air-on-aug14.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Aug 14:
Voice of Greece in English to WeEu, NoAf 1201 on 9420, 11645 Avlis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu7WAuR4rGo&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Greece in English to WeEu, NoAf 1203 on 9420, 11645 Avlis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykpJ0nyGV5E&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Greece in English to WeEu, NoAf 1206 on 9420, 11645 Avlis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvWeTyM6iM4&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Greece in English to WeEu, WeEu 1313 on 9420, 9935 Avlis
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVmqGbZ3v30&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) or 1213?? (gh)

Voice of Greece was back on air, Aug 17 from 1730 UT but only on 9420;
co-channel CNR 13 Uyghur plus VIRI IRIB on very odd 9421v, but now at
1750 on 9420.0 plus additional frequency 9935 from 1800 UT with
terrible audio -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

I can hear 9935 and 9420 here in southeast Texas at night. 9420 is
like a local some nights when using a portable radio and external
antenna outside with goods audio. 9935 is very weak with lower
modulation and poor audio, and often some kind of noise in the signal
(Paul B Walker, Jr., Beaumont, Aug 17, ibid.)

Voice of Greece Avlis transmission --- 9420.003 kHz at 1910 UT on Aug
17, strong POWERFUL signal of S=9+35dB in southern Germany. But ALSO
HIT BY A WHINE WHISTLE TONE varying-wandering in 9420.68 to ...
9421.45 kHz frequency range.

\\ 9934.917v footprint odd frequency. Annoying BUZZ tone accompanied
the S=9+30dB ERT audio signal from Avlis here in southern Germany at
1910 UT on Aug 17 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

9934.917v -- BUZZ signal like GARDEN FENCE showed in Perseus browser
screen 8 times! x accompanied buzz spur peak signals - each sideband -
peaks at varying-wandering 399 Hertz / 798 ... Hertz apart distance
... , each sideband (B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 17, ibid.)

I heard something worse then a whistle whine tone on 9935 the other
day. Sounded like a hum, a whine and jamming all rolled into one, but
it wasn't jamming, lol (Paul Walker, ibid.)

ERT VOICE of GREECE in Greek on 9935 from 2100 -- August 17. Bad hum,
almost inaudible. Posted by: Bexarboy (Marty Delfin, Madrid, ibid.) In
case you are wondering, his colorful handle derives from having come
from San Antonio TX, Bexar (Anglo-nounced ``bear``) County (gh, DXLD)

9420 is like a local here in Beaumont, TX when I connect my portable
radio to an external antenna. The audio and modulation are good too.
The 9935 khz signal is there, but it's weak and it's still got that
horrible whine in the audio; it pretty much makes 9935 unlistenable
(Paul Walker, ibid.)

Voice of Greece, AVLis 12 hours on SW from 1735 UT, Aug. 17 until 0535
UT, Aug. 18

August 17:

from 1735 9420*170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, + CNR 13 Uyghur till 1805

from 1800 9935 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek, terrible audio & hum tone
* additional QRM from VIRI IRIB Arabic 9420 or 9421v via Zahedan

August 18:

from 0300 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek

from 0300 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek is off, back air later!

from 0500 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek

from 0500 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek terrible audio, off at 0505

from 0510 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAmly Serbian/Spanish, off at 0535

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-12-hours-on-sw-from.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9935, Aug 18 at 0055, VOG with usual huge whine overpowering music modulation which is clear on // 9420. These are not on the air every night: you never know whether there will be any signals (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Greece shortwave, AVLis from 1900 Aug 18 until 0610 Aug 19:

August 18

1920&2000 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, co-ch VIRI IRIB in Arabic

1920&2000 9935 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek, terrible audio & hum tone

August 19

0500-0514 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek

0500-0514 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, terrible audio & hum tone

0514-0600 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Vary*

0514-0600 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Vary*, terrible audio & hum tone

from 0600 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, both freqs off at 0610UTC

from 0600 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, terrible audio & hum tone

* Serbian, Spanish, Arabic + music; all other languages not air today!

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-on-shortwave-from.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Greece Avlis transmission. 9935v is stronger than 9420 tonight. 9420.0055 kHz at 21.45 UT on Aug 19, strong POWERFUL signal of S=9+30dB in southern Germany. But ALSO HIT BY A WHINE WHISTLE TONE varying-wandered in 9421.320 kHz frequency range of 10 to 20 Hertz wobbling.

\\ 9934.947v footprint odd frequency. Annoying BUZZ tone accompanied the S=9+40dB ERT audio signal from Avlis here in southern Germany at 2150 UT on Aug 19 [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

9934.947v -- BUZZ signal like GARDEN FENCE showed in Perseus browser screen 8 times! x accompanied buzz spur peak signals - each sideband - peaks at varying-wandering 281, 562, ... 844 ... Hertz apart distance ... , each sideband (B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 19, ibid.)

V. of Greece, AVLis 12 hours on SW from 1807 Aug 19 until 0617 Aug 20
August 19:

from 1807 9420 170 kW / 323 deg WeEu Greek, + VIRI IRIB Arabic 9421.3
from 1807 9935 100 kW / 285 deg WeEu Greek, terrible audio & hum tone
August 20:
0500-0511 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek
0500-0511 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, terrible audio & hum tone
0511-0600 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Vary*
0511-0600 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Vary*, terrible audio & hum tone
from 0600 9420 170 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, both freqs off at 0617UTC
from 0600 9935 100 kW / 323 deg NoAm Greek, terrible audio & hum tone
* Serbian, Spanish, Arabic + music, all other languages not air today!
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-greece-12-hours-on-sw-from_20.html
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. KTWR Guam DRM Test
Date : 17th & 18th Aug 2015 (Mon & Tues)
Time : 1445 -1515 UTC (8.15 - 8.45 pm IST)
Power : 90 kW
Language : English
Frequency : 12120 kHz
Azi : 285 Deg (towards North India)
Reception reports appreciated. Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, Aug 16,
dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Special DRM transmission from KTWR Guam for HFCC-ASBU B15 Coordination
Conference at Brisbane:
Date : 24th to 28th Aug 2015 (Monday to Friday)
Time 0630-0730 UT
Power : 90 kW
Language : English
Frequency : 15450 kHz
Towards Australia
Reception reports to info@twr.asia or submit online at
<http://www.twr.asia/online-qsl-form>
---- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Aug 19, dx_sasia yg via WORLD OF RADIO
1787, DXLD)

Does KTWR really have an antenna aimed at Australia? Yes, 165 degrees
normally used only at 1000-1026 on 11840 in English. Axually 165 is a
bit east of Australia; probably just reversing the 345 one on 9355,
9975 to Asia (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

KTWR Agana, new Interval Signal from end of July
1500-1520 on 15110 TWR 100 kW / 285 deg to SEAs English
Videos on July 30, during DXPedition and today, Aug.14:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/ktwr-agana-new-interval-signal-from-end.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. NEW Shortwave Station Logged with confirmation by the station already! My location: Beaumont, Texas (southeast corner of the state). Radio Verdad, 4055 kHz, 1 kW, transmitter near the border with Guatemala/Honduras/El Salvador.

On August 8th, 2015 I picked up the radio station when sitting outside listening on my Sangean ATS909X using just the telescopic whip antenna attached to the radio. The signal was weak, so I decided to hook up my Sony AN-LP1 Active Loop antenna and that made a huge difference.

As you will hear in the 30 minute audio recording linked below beginning at 0334 UTC/10:34 pm Central, the signal was improved greatly. It is about a 5 out of 10 but there is a lot of fading. I listened for about 45 minutes and enjoyed hearing some of the music played. I heard several mentions of "Radio Verdad" and Guatemala when I heard any announcers speak.

Click the link below for my audio recording of 30 minutes worth of Radio Verdad 4055:

http://www.onairdj.com/RadioVerdad_4055_08092015_0334UTC_1034pmcentral.mp3

Radio Verdad has ALREADY confirmed this reception and sent me a paper QSL and radio pack in 4 days from my initial report! The radio pack cost them \$6 so that's exactly what I donated to them to get it. The "pack" includes a QSL card, banner, sticker, letter, listener map, some calendars and a few other things.

http://radioverdad.org/system/files/sites/radioverdad.org/files/RV_CUANTO_CUESTA_EL_PAQUETE_DE_RADIO_VERDAD.pdf

Regards, (Paul Walker, Aug 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3289.9, Voice of Guyana, 0950 om and y1 introducing pop music 0951-1010 under now frequent thunderstorm interference. 6 August

3289.9, Voice of Guyana, 0400 to 0410 with BBC under hash on top of signal. 10 August. On two recent occasions noted GBC silent at 0400 (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, Aug 8 0300, My only log is Guyana 3290, again this Friday night without STANAG signal! Best around 03 UT, but also a poor. Tonight on Aug 13 (like every Friday night now?) the STANAG signal is again off!

Man sendet derzeit mit 1.000 Watt, m^chte aber bald mit zumindest 2.500 oder 5.000 Watt senden. Als Sender nutzt man ein "solid state class D/E systemi, die Antenne ist ein Biconical-Dipol. Man ,berlegt gerade wie man eine NQSLBest%tigungi f,r H^rer erm^glicht, da kommt sicher etwas.

Insgesamt aber großartig dass ein Sender wie dieser seltene Gast in Georgetown reaktiviert wurde, ich dachte schon das hat sich erledigt. So freue ich mich aber über mein EDXC Land # 190. Und die nächsten 10 um die 200 zu erreichen werden auch noch in den nächsten 10 Jahren eingesammelt (Christoph Ratzer, Austria, SW Bulletin Aug 16 via DXLD)

It currently broadcasts with 1,000 watts, but would soon send at least 2,500 or 5,000 watts. When one uses a "Solid State Class D / E system" transmitter, the antenna is a biconical dipole. One wonders just how to enable a "QSL confirmation" for listeners, because certainly comes something.

Overall, however great that a station like this rare guest was reactivated in Georgetown, I thought that took care of itself. So I am happy about my country EDXC #190. And the next 10 to reach 200 will also be collected in the next 10 years (Christoph Ratzer, Austria, SW Bulletin August 16, translated by Google and gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Christoph has now got a verification for this report, Guyana would be his EDXC # 190 --- Congrats! (Thomas Nilsson, ed., ibid.)

** INDIA. 5050, Aizawl, 1258, August 14. Decent signal mixing with BBR (China); still there 1310, but off the air by 1336 and not heard again through 1348 check.

As usual on the eve of India's Independence Day, the President of India addresses the nation; 1330 ID in English; National Anthem; President's address in English till 1345 iJai Hindî and NA again; speech repeated in Hindi.

Checking at 1330, Aug 14, for // of President's address:

4760 Leh - not heard
4760 Port Blair - only open carrier (never any audio)
4775 Imphal - not heard - off the air
4800 Hyderabad - not heard due to CNR1
4810 Bhopal - heard
4820 Kolkata - not heard due to PBS Xizang
4835 Gangtok - not heard due to ABC
4840 Mumbai - not heard - off the air
4850 Kohima - not heard - off the air
4860 Shimla - not heard - off the air
4880 Lucknow - heard
4895 Kurseong - heard
4910 Jaipur - heard
4920 Chennai - heard (nice with no Tibet QRM now!)

4970 Shillong - heard (one of the strongest)
4990 Itanagar - not heard - off the air (PBS Hunan heard)
5010 Thiruvananthapuram - heard
5040 Jeypore - heard by 1335; had been silent at 1321
6030 Delhi - not heard due to CNR1
9425 Delhi - not heard
9380 Aligarh - heard, but very poor
9870 Bangalore - good signal, but mixing with strong QRM.

4950 AIR Radio Kashmir via Srinagar. This was the only bright spot for me today. At 1316 had definite carrier and a few bits of audio; 1325 even more audio heard; by 1334 had positive // President's address. The audio today was the strongest heard all this year. This made up for the disappointment of finding AIR Kohima (4850) silent today (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the reports, Ron. My additional observations (of special broadcast of 14 Aug 2015 1330 UT):

4800 Hyderabad heard very well being my local station
4820 Kolkata not heard only Chinese station heard
4835 Gangtok not heard by you was heard at my place at poor level.
4860 Shimla not heard
4950 Srinagar was heard at poor level here.
4990 Itanagar not heard
5050 Aizawl was not heard, Chinese station was only heard.
6030 Delhi not heard
9425 Delhi poor level

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Monitoring observations of special broadcasts on Independence Day by AIR today 15 Aug 2015

7430, Bhopal heard from 0115 (normal sign on 0225)
7380, Chennai carrier heard from 0120, Tuning signal at 0128 (normal sign on 0300)
7420, Hyderabad heard from 0130 (normal sign on 0225)
7390, Trivandrum carrier from 0125, Tuning signal at 0128 (normal sign on at 0230)

0135 UT English: (Special frequencies)

11985, Delhi good
15050, Bangalore fair
15185, Panaji very poor

Hindi:

9380, Aligarh good
9870, Bangalore good

11620, Bangalore fair
9595, Delhi not heard
7340, Mumbai fair
7270, Chennai Good
6110, Srinagar weak (as heard by Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi)
6020, Shimla off air
5050, Jeypore Fair
0215 onwards, Bangalore carried the running commentary on 13695 & 15120 instead of External Service in Kannada to Middle East. They did not sign off at 0300 as usual but continued on air till the Prime Minister's speech was over at 0340. Then they continued with External Service in Hindi as scheduled. Happy Independence Day! Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, 0449 UT Aug 15, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Other than the ones listed below [above?], also heard following stations with Independence Day special broadcast:

6155 - Aligarh
4760 - Leh
4880 - Lucknow
4895 - Kurseong
4910 - Jaipur
73, (Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. Change the frequency/transmitter of All India Radio in DRM:
1615-1715 9595 BGL 500 kW / 335 deg EaEu Russian AM unchange
1615-1715 11620 BGL 500 kW / 335 deg EaEu Russian DRM, ex AM
1615-1715 15140 ALG 250 kW / 312 deg EaEu Russian AM, ex DRM
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/change-frequency-and-transmitter-of-all.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No more QRDRM to Oman 15140, just AM QRM (gh, ibid.)

** INDIA. New DRM Schedule from All India Radio External Services via Bengaluru from 16 Aug 2015.

Note: 2 Channels are broadcast simultaneously in most cases.

0315-0415 15120 Ch. 1. Hindi; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (E.Af, ME)
0415-0430 15120 Ch. 1. Gujarati; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (E.Af, ME)
0430-0530 15120 Ch. 1. Hindi ; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (E.Af, ME)

1000-1100 17895 English (Australia , NZ)

1145-1315 15795 Ch. 1. Chinese (China)
1215-1330 15795 Ch. 2. Tibetan

[NOTE: facilitating ChiCom jamming, two for price of one --- gh]

1615-1715 11620 Ch. 1. Russian; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (Europe)

1745-1945 7550 Ch. 1 English; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (Europe)

1945-2045 7550 Ch. 1 Hindi; Ch. 2. French (Europe)

2045-2230 7550 Ch. 1 English; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (Europe)

2245-0045 13605 Ch. 1 English; Ch. 2. Vividh Bharati (NE Asia)

The reception reports on technical quality of the transmission on the above Short-wave frequencies are welcome and may be sent to Dy. Director General (Spectrum Management & Synergy) by email: spectrum-manager@air.org.in Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Aug 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. RRI Palangkaraya (3324.88) was noted off the air for a while; Atsunori Ishida indicates them with *1234 (anomaly) (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Aug 14, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Voice of Indonesia was back on shortwave on August 12, after more than five months absence from around March 1. But on August 12 with very low modulation
1815-1855 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Chinese, instead of German
From 1900 nominal frequency 9525 kHz is totally blocked by CRI in Russian. My last video of Voice of Indonesia on Feb.12 - good modulation and strong signal:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-indonesia-was-back-on.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Voice of Indonesia checked after 'tune-in' around 0955 UT Aug 13 on finger print 9525.975 kHz, but TX moved up slightly to 9525.977 kHz, noted around 1010 UT. But VERY LOW MODULATION, S=4-5 signal in Tokyo Japan remote unit. Cimanggis Indonesia signal suffered by adjacent transmission of CNR-11 Tibetan language from Baoji China on 9530 kHz, S=8 audio strength in Tokyo Japan remote SDR unit. Nothing visible of domestic RRI Jakarta Cimanggis on 9680v kHz. wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGST)

9525.977 (thanks for Wolfy's measurement), VOI, *1000 till tuned out 1116, August 13 (Thursday). Second consecutive day reactivated; surely this has happened so VOI can be on the air for Independence Day (Aug 17).

Will silent RRI stations reactivate for their celebrations?

For a long time now I have believed that the "Exotic Indonesia"

programs in English, normally broadcast only on Tuesday and Thursday, were produced somewhere other than the usually heard joint programs from "100.9 Paradise FM, RRI Denpasar" or from "RRI Banjarmasin." Today finally able to confirm this is the case.

*1000 - Started with brief instrumental music - sounded like: "RRI world service, Voice of Indonesia in Jakarta and 88.5 FM world wide RRI Samarinda, East Kalimantan proudly presents Exotic Indonesia, a weekly program jointly broadcast live by RRI world service, Voice of Indonesia in Jakarta and 88.5 FM world wide RRI Samarinda, East Kalimantan";

1021 - "Today in History"; also many segments of their usual chatting & banter between Jakarta and Samarinda; only heard two peaks in the audio at 1000 and 1021, otherwise was mostly unreadable.

1100 - A repeat of today's "Exotic Indonesia" program heard at 1000.

<https://app.box.com/s/iram0aa2a1vw6iilboy8rta82kmvj88g> contains my audio clip of the "Exotic Indonesia" intro (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After 1430 strong signal, but very low modulation; videos will be uploaded tomorrow (Ivo Ivanov, Aug 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

9525.95, Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta, 1710-1737, 13-08, program in Spanish, "escuchen nuestro comentario", "Esta es La Voz de Indonesia". 34433. [expanded:]

9525.95, Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta, 1707-1801, 13-08, program in Spanish, news about Indonesia, "Comentario, 70 aniversario de la independencia de Indonesia", ID. "Esta es La Voz de Indonesia, el servicio internacional de la Radio República Indonesia", songs. At 1801 program in German. 45444 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo and Reinante, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525 [sic], La Voz de Indonesia, Jakarta-Cimanggis, 1745-1800, escuchada el 13 de agosto de 2015 en español a locutor con comentarios sobre próximo artista, locutor joven que habla relativamente bien el español, música pop melódico, comentarios sobre la "Banda de música Popelle...cuando se incorporó ...en el 2009", "Bueno estimados.. bueno les ponemos la próxima canción titulada..", "La Voz de Indonesia mantiene viva la música", sintonía, ID "La Voz de Indonesia", cómo "...Radio Pública.. La Voz de Indonesia en Jakarta.. informando, bailando y disfrutando", "Ustedes pueden sintonizar en la banda de onda corta 15150, 9525 y 11785", anuncia dirección, Email y twitter,

SINPO 35433 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Sacaòet (CastellÛn), Espa0a, Yaesu
FRG 7700, Sangean ATS 909, Antena hilo 10 m, ibid.)

Recibida QSL vĩa Email autom-tico, de La Voz de Indonesia, informe
enviado desde la web de la emisora:

<http://es.voi.co.id/contactenos/reception-report>

Dear, JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO

Thank you for submitting your reception report. Don't forget to join
our subscriber list to get the latest info from Voice of Indonesia
Best Regards.

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Email: info[at]voi.co.id

This Data is generated by Reception Report Form.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, ibid.)

After having seen log from Manuel MendÈz, I was able to receive The
Voice of Indonesia in German at 1814 with ID, Schedule and mention of
E-mail address. Strong signal but bad modulation (Antonello
Napolitano, (Taranto, South of Italy) Aug 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

Voice of Indonesia was back to its normal languages schedule on August
13. No propagation in Bulgaria 1000-1400 UT

1000-1100 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 135 deg to AUS English

1100-1200 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Chinese

1200-1300 on 9526^JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Japanese

1300-1400 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs English

1400-1500 on 9526^JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Indonesian

1500-1600 on 9526#JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Chinese

1600-1700 on 9526#JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to N/ME Arabic

1700-1800 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Spanish

1800-1900 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu German

1900-2000 on 9526*JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu English

2000-2100 on 9526*JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu French

^ 1200-1256 QRM Radio Romania Int in Romanian on 9520

^ 1400-1426 QRM Radio Romania Int in Italian on 9520

1530-1626 QRM TRT, Voice of Turkey in Azeri on 9530

* 1900-2100 totally blocked by CRI in Russian on 9525

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/voice-of-indonesia-was-back-to-its.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, circa Aug 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.979 kHz, fingerprint odd frequency of V of Indonesia, Jakarta
Cimanggis outlet, poor and tiny at Tokyo Japan remote SDR unit. At

1226 UT on Aug 14 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.979 (thanks for Wolfy's measurement today), VOI, 1000 to past 1035, August 14; just open carrier; unable to detect any audio; by 1105 stilted Chinese; almost fair; 1200 into Japanese; 1301 in English with summary of today's programs to follow (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

v9526 I believe Voice of Indonesia Cimanggis is off air around 1145 UT Aug 15. Wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

9526-, Aug 15 at 1254, 1315, 1354 chex, NO signal from Voice of Indonesia, possibly due to very poor propagation. WWV report:

``Solar-terrestrial indices for 14 August follow.
Solar flux 93 and estimated planetary A-index 4.
The estimated planetary K-index at 1200 UTC on 15 August was 7 ****.
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been strong.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G3 level occurred.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be strong.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G3 level are expected.``

At 1500, slight changes were circulated:

``The estimated planetary K-index at 1500 UTC on 15 August was 6.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be moderate.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G2 level are expected.``

As Ron Howard discovered, VOI reactivated August 12 after silence since March 1, but this is the first time I've tried to hear it. At first English was not on the 1300 hour, but later it was. Bad timing: Wolfgang B,schel believed it was off the air today around 1145, but Tony Ashar inside Indonesia found it very weak at 1442-1455 when it disappeared. Anyhow, judging from WB and other monitors in Europe and Japan, despite 5.5 months to take care of it, they haven't corrected the frequency or the modulation problems plaguing them before March for years. Wolfgang measured it on 9525.979 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No signal from Voice of Indonesia after 1430 UT, August 15:
1400-1500 9526 JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Indonesian but heard at same time 9525 SZG 500 kW / 037 deg to FERu Russian China Radio Int
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1TUwp1yiwM&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8VR8i7eFYQ&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

v9526 I believe Voice of Indonesia Cimanggis is off air

around 1145 UT Aug 15. Wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

At 1415 UT, no signal from Voice of Indonesia on 9526 -- 73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. No signal from Voice of Indonesia after 1430 UT, August 15: 1400-1500 9526 JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Indonesian but heard at same time 9525 SZG 500 kW / 037 deg to FERu Russian CRI weak signal <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1TUwp1yiwM&feature=youtu.be> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8VR8i7eFYQ&feature=youtu.be> -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sat 15/8 at 1442+, very weak YL then OM talk, unfortunately failed to identify which language it was, until 1455 a bit of music heard before disappeared (Tony Ashar, Java, ibid.)

Nothing noted on 9525 - 9526 kHz from Indonesia in 1600 and 1725 UT check today, like in 11-12 UT hour. wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Aug 15, ibid.)

I'm getting a weak het on 9525.97 kHz at 1057-1102, so I think Indonesia is on the air. Can't get any audio, but there's not much of that even in the best of times (Art Delibert 8/16, Vineyard Haven, Mass., AR7030+, Wellbrook loop, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

I checked the 9526v range at 10 UT tune-in, but heard nothing on that channel. Despite a lot of other stations of that AS/PAC region heard at same time. Now when tuned-in around 1125 UT again, VOI Jakarta Cimanggis in Chinese language is ON AIR AGAIN today.

Fingerprint measurement shows 9525.979 exact frequency, but at remote SDR unit in Brisbane Queensland heard a S=8 M U F F L E D BUZZY AUDIO signal type. I'll try Voice of Indonesia later that day, when propagation path works fine from Indonesia to Europe approx. from 17 ... 21 UT. wb df5sx (B,schel, Aug 16, ibid.)

Voice of Indonesia in Chinese at 1150 UT on 9526 From 1202:30 on 9526 Voice of Indonesia started Japanese program. Used SDR units in Phuket and Hong Kong. Weak signal in English 1335-1355, Aug 16. Videos will be added tomorrow -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 16, ibid.)

1538 UT: Voice of Indonesia in Chinese on 9526 kHz, strong S9+ signal in Romania (Tudor Vedeanu, Aug 16, ibid.)

Saludos cordiales, 9526 Voz de Indonesia, Jakarta Cimanguis, 1700-1705, escuchada el 16 de agosto de 2015 en espa0ol con sintonía, ID, presentaci0n anuncia frecuencias de onda corta, 9525, 11785 y me

parece entender 20150, chequeo 11785, 15150 y 20150 sin resultado, locutor anunciando las noticias, "La Voz de Indonesia con las noticias", locutora con noticias nacionales, SINPO 34433 (José Miguel Romero, Sacañet (Castellón), España, Yaesu FRG 7700, Sangean ATS 909, Antena hilo 10 m, condiglista yg via DXLD)

[and non]. I still haven't heard VOI in English at 1300 in the local mornings here but this may have been because of the very poor propagation conditions this last weekend with a severe geomagnetic storm (and several minor ones, one that's still going on) in combination with low solar flux. I've heard other reports that VOI hasn't been on the air but I can't understand how they'd know that with conditions being what they were. In fact on the morning of August 15th I (like Glenn mentioned in his logs at ~1300z) heard a very weakened R. Australia with co-channel QRM with CRI! At the time I couldn't believe it and thought R. Australia must have severely cut power but, alas, an hour later it was back to booming again (but not as strong as most days). This was all because of the K-7 level Geomagnetic Storm. So I can see why VOI might have been difficult to hear from a variety of locations lately. In any case, I'll still keep checking (Rodney Johnson, Las Vegas NV, Aug 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, Aug 17 at 1320, JBA carrier, signature fingerprint enough to know that Voice of Indonesia is again on the air today during presumed English hour; and tell-tale het with 9525 at 1403, i.e. collision with CRI Russian, which is 500 kW at 37 degrees also USward from Shijiazhuang 723 site. Atsunori Ishida, <http://rri.jpn.org/> reports RRI active on 9526 every day since Aug 12 except Aug 15. Who won trips to Indonesia this year? Nobody who heard them on SW! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.7 (approx). Voice of Indonesia. 1725. Spanish broadcast, good signal, no interference, with special program on independence and interviews with Australian and other ambassadors, and info on public buildings to visit in Jakarta. Followed by Indonesian language lessons "Vamos hablar indonesio" and music program "El mundo de la música." 73s, (Marty Delfín (Fuencarral-El Pardo district, Madrid, Spain), Sony ICF-SW-77, telescopic antenna, Aug 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At present on air. 9525.980 kHz typical fingerprint carrier visible on Aug 18 at 0956 UT, just before program schedule start at 1000. Even noted in central Europe. 9525.979 kHz fingerprint odd frequency of V Of Indonesia, Jakarta, Cimanggis outlet, poor and tiny at Tokyo Japan remote SDR unit. At 1226 UT on Aug 14 (Wolfgang B. schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14/18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Strong signal and good modulation for Voice of Indonesia, Aug. 17

from 1530 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 010 deg to EaAs Chinese
from 1630 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to N/ME Arabic
from 1730 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu Spanish
from 1830 on 9526 JAK 250 kW / 290 deg to WeEu German
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/strong-signal-and-good-modulation-for.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume those are tune-in times, rather than transmission start times. Since Ivo reports almost everything in this rigid format, it may be hard to tell. The word ``from`` is probably the key (gh, DXLD)

Lots of Chinese signals on 41m. I heard, and could zero-beat a carrier on 9526 around 1330z but heard no modulation amongst the high noise floor here. SO, no VOI in English for me yet; I will keep trying. QRN seemed to get quieter as the sun rose here (and it's usually the opposite case). 73s (--Rodney Johnson, NV, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Greetings From Nevada! Last night (~0500z) propagation conditions were almost back to normal here after having a reasonably successful "Africa Patrol" on 41 meters. However, this morning, although R. Australia was booming on 9580 as always, the rest of the 31 meter band was pretty dead at 1300z. So I missed VOI signing on in English yet again. By 1330z it had improved slightly and I could barely make out a carrier on 9526 (or whatever fraction thereof). (Rodney Johnson, Las Vegas NV, Aug 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

re 9526v kHz: 9525.980 kHz was even poorly logged at S=3 with carrier in 0955 to 1000 UT slot on Wed Aug 19, Voice of Indonesia, Jakarta Cimanggis pre-program 10 UT procedure. wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Since Suddenlink cable has deprived us of all Viacom channels, including Comedy Central, home of Jon Stewart's The Daily Show, we have been forced to view it online if at all. CC website displays linx only to the past 16 episodes (4 weeks worth, beyond one or two week hiati). While it may be possible to dig them out anyway, I have not been taking any chances, instead saving the direct linx to each show while they are displayed, and indeed have found them accessible weeks/months later if you go directly to them. We can only hope this will continue to be the case, but no guarantees!

As you will see, the URL depends on the main guest's name each time, so you have to go by those. Each show consists of 5 segments. Ideally you should be able to play a whole show, but it depends on your browser and your pop-up blocking, etc. Normally I have to go to full shows, but then play them segment by segment. Sometimes they will link

together automatically, sometimes not, and you have to keep resetting for full-screen. Also there may or may not be repetitive commercials inserted between segments. But whatever, it's all worth it, for the best political satire anywhere. Here are the ones I have saved from the final four months:

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/uplrex/april-20--2015---gayle-tzemach-lemmon>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/271z4c/april-21--2015---jeff-garlin>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/r57t34/april-22--2015---dana-perino>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/ogafvo/april-23--2015---neil-degrasse-tyson>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/extended-interviews/1swywc/exclusive-neil-degrasse-tyson-extended-interview>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/6ihlbu/april-27--2015---elizabeth-olsen>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/hz0r7t/april-28--2015---george-stephanopoulos>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/27m3xm/april-29--2015---judith-miller>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/extended-interviews/xjg4x6/exclusive-judith-miller-extended-interview>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/2u1thc/april-30--2015---kristen-wiig>

[missed May 4, 5]

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/witrpX/may-6--2015---ernest-moniz>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/7wepaa/may-7--2015---mumford---sons>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/f2nr6x/may-11--2015---john-legend>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/slnsr3/may-12--2015---tom-brokaw>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/okco56/may-13--2015---reza-aslan>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/m4q7bs/may-14--2015---rebel-wilson>

[2-week hiatus]

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/kmy1ta/may-26--2015---rand-paul>

[must have missed May 27, 28, 29!]

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/l77wjf/june-1--2015---stanley-mcchrystal>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/rvkbud/june-2--2015---bill-de-blasio>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/5yzzr6/june-3--2015---melissa-mccarthy>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/h97vrk/june-4--2015---steve-buscemi>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/vjgfkU/june-8--2015---nicola-sturgeon>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/ovl3p1/june-9--2015---nick-offerman>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/x6kbau/june-10--2015---colin-quinn>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/x3o1ly/june-11--2015---mark-ruffalo>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/drk62j/june-15--2015---judd-apatow>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/8mfir8/june-16--2015---aziz-ansari>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/nk1263/june-17--2015---bill-clinton>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/rilcea/june-18--2015---malala-yousafzai>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/63hk1e/june-22--2015---al-franken>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/eoju4g/june-23--2015---seth-macfarlane>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/ojlkwr/june-24--2015---andrew-napolitano>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/ufnvut/june-25--2015---richard-lewis>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/uzokdu/june-29--2015---taylor-schilling>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/cawxq0/june-30--2015---jon-hamm>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/xaf9tm/july-1--2015---kirsten-gillibrand>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/y2h25u/july-2--2015---sarah-vowell>

[2-week hiatus]

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/29343b/july-20--2015---paul-rudd>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/skawjk/july-21--2015---barack-obama>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/frm1zk/july-22--2015---jake-gyllenhaal>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/bf0f9u/july-23--2015---ta-nehisi-coates>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/mtwqgq/july-27--2015---david-mccullough>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/txiqu2/july-28--2015---tom-cruise>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/m8wxgw/july-29--2015---doris-kearns-goodwin>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/6arv5v/july-30--2015---j-j--abrams>

<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/82t6he/august-3--2015---amy-schumer>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/eutb3d/august-4--2015---denis-leary>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/i0368n/august-5--2015---louis-c-k>
<http://thedailyshow.cc.com/full-episodes/pjkw01/august-6--2015---jon-stewart-s-final-episode>

Enjoy! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. The Amateur Radio community in Asia and Europe will be happy in B-15 winter season, IRIB Tehran will leave 7200 kHz border channel in 41 meterband. Delete 7200kHz 1520-1620z 30,31 KAM 500kW 58deg 0 145 251015-260316 KAZ IRN IRB KAZAK, to be replaced by 9480 kHz channel.

Sent the news to IARU Bandwatch ng distribution.
<<http://life.itu.int/radioclub/rr/art04.htm>>

ITU Radio Regulations of ITU 4.5 and Circular Letter of ITU
Switzerland CR/282 3.2

RR 4.5 --- The frequency assigned to a station of a given service shall be separated from the limits of the band allocated to this service in such a way that, taking account of the frequency band assigned to a station, no harmful interference is caused to services to which frequency bands immediately adjoining are allocated.

<<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/workshops/rrs-13-arab/Documents/Terrestrial%20Broadcasting%20freq%20Plans-IG-en.pdf>>

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 12. BCDX 13 Aug via DXLD)

VIRI IRIB Zahedan again on very odd freq 9421.2, instead of 9420 from 1655 UT, August 19 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

No news here. It has been clashing with Greece (when on air) for weeks. Variable 9419.3 to 9420.7 on most local evenings since August 1. Whistle reported by DX colleagues on FB SW listening page since mid-July. Slight to mid het here in Spain. 73s, (Marty Delfin (Madrid, Spain), ibid.)

9570, August 15, 2015 at 1847-1850 UT. VOIRI. Male Announcer in Albanian. Discussion about Ambassadorial visit and Jeb Bush. SINPO 53555. Signal seemed very constrained. S-Meter showed 40 over S9 but bandwidth quite narrow. Changing to 15 kHz filter did not make a difference. Could've been a result of jamming (Ed Sylvester, Baghdad, Iraq, AOR AR-5000A+3, Indoor Pixel Magnetic Loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Radio Ranginkaman, Rainbow with huge difference of the signal strength between two transmitters in Secretbrod and unknown (Grigoriopol):

1600-1630 on 7575 secret / hidden site to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri

1600-1630 on 15630 SCB 050 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/ranginkaman-with-huge-difference-of.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** IRAQ. IRAQ'S NATIONAL INTERNET OUTAGES FOX EXPERTS | Text of report by VOA News.com website on 17 August; subheadings as published

What reportedly began as an effort by the Iraqi government to prevent cheating on national school exams has grown into an unexplained series of periodic, regular cuts to internet access across that nation.

Beginning on June 27 at 5 a.m. local time, access to the internet across Iraq was sudden and drastically reduced, effectively shutting down Iraq's internet.

As detailed by Dyn, an internet performance company, the service cut lasted exactly three hours, and full access was restored immediately

at 8 a.m.

Student exams

The Egyptian news service El Hadas reported at the time that the service interruption corresponded with the beginning of annual placement tests for sixth-graders known as the "sixth ministerial preparatory exams".

The exams largely determine which students will go on to continue their education, and which will not.

Given those high stakes, the Iraqi Ministry of Communications reportedly severed the internet to keep students' friends and relatives from helping them cheat on the tests.

However, while the exams are long since over, the internet interruptions have continued, following the same pattern of precise, three-hour cuts beginning early in the morning.

Since the first interruption, Dyn has tracked 16 other nationwide internet cuts. "It is a strange and unique phenomenon," says Doug Madory, director of Internet Analysis at Dyn. "I agree that the rationale is very strange although not entirely without precedent."

Last August, RFE/RL [Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty] reported that Uzbekistan authorities blocked mobile internet and text-messaging services nationwide from 8:30 a.m. local time to 1:30 p.m., allegedly to prevent cheating at university entrance exams.

RFE/RL also said that the restrictions "have become an annual practice on exam day as authorities fight against corruption and cheating".

Different circumstances

But beyond the reported effort to stop cheaters, Madory said the similarities end there. "In the case of Uzbekistan's shutdown, we did not see a national internet outage," Madory told VOA via email. "I believe that the Uzbeks simply shut off mobile-data services. And that was just on a single day, not 16 different days over a month and a half."

In the past year, the Iraqi government has occasionally cut access to the web in specific regions. But those cuts were irregular and unpredictable in timing, and Iraqi authorities said they were designed to slow the ability of Islamic State militants to recruit and coordinate attacks.

"There have been reports of the Iraqi government cutting service in places where they were conducting security operations, but these outages are always 5 to 8 a.m. local, which seems unlikely to fit with security raids," Madory said.

Madory, who monitors internet traffic around the world and has repeatedly documented service interruptions in Egypt, Iran and many other nations, said he's not aware of any other instance where a government repeatedly shut off internet service so openly and regularly.

"It must wreak havoc on businesses trying to operate there that depend on external connectivity," he said.

Several requests for comment on the outages to the Iraqi ISPs Baghtel and ATS-Iraq were not returned. Source: VOA News.com website, Washington D.C., in English 17 Aug 15 (via BBCM via DXLD)

In contemporary American English, even slang, it's rather strange to see ``fox`` used as a verb. Out-fox, maybe? (gh, DXLD)

** IRELAND [non]. MADAGASCAR, 5820, Talata-Volonondry Madagascar, 1930-2000 UT, All Africa. MISTAKEN ? Re 15-32:

``IRELAND [non]. SOUTH AFRICA, RTE Radio One via BABCOCK Meyerton on Aug 3: 1930-2000 on 5820 MEY 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAF English Mon-Fri <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/rte-radio-one-via-babcock-meyerton-on.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #922 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Aug 10, dxld)``

I don't understand this log. WRN London - broker of RT... half hour All-African service - Jeff Cohen's firm replaced Sentec Meyerton by Talata-Volonondry Madagascar site, on 25 October 2014.

5820 1930-2000 46,47,48,52,53 MDC 125 315 0 822 23456 261014 290315
Eng MDG RTE WRN 14235 B-15 season

and still request registered of WRN London on August 7th on HFCC list.

5820 1930-2000 46,47,48,52,53 MDC 125 315 0 822 23456 290315 241015
Eng MDG RTE WRN 15644 A-15 season

I guess, o n l y Aoki Nagoya list mentioned erroneously the move back to Sentec Meyerton broadcast center? (Wolfgang B_schel, DXLD)

WRN is no longer ``Jeff Cohen's firm`` (nor Karl Miosga's) as both left with the acquisition of WRN by Babcock early this year (gh, DXLD)

★★ ITALY. NEW MEDIUM WAVE BROADCAST ITALIAN LAW N 115 - 29TH JULY 2015

To The Community Amateurs Radio, Shortwave Listeners, lovers of radiolistening DX and Broadcasters of stations in Medium Wave Band.

Dear Friends, I have the very pleasure to inform you that, in the History of the Italian Radio, today - 18th August 2015 - has borned a star! In fact the scene of the radio band iMedium Wavei from Italy, today is a turning point.

After 11 years since the beginning of the switch-off of historical transmission plant in mid wave of the Public Service of RAI broadcasts on a radio band (MW) that has made the history of radio, will no longer be confidential or restricted to public service but they will be free to be privately operated. This opens the way for an interesting world in which broadcasts band "Medium Wave" will become the protagonists of a NEW media and the future of the radio hobby.

This is the first, interesting milestone reached by the new Law nr. 115 of 29 July 2015 which will open the door to new radio operators <private>.

I wish inform you that a more detailed presentation of this initiative of the Law, is available on the web: <http://www.ari.it/> (Italian version).

The ARI is supporting this initiative and for the protection of an important band in the history of radio, is in first place in the development of a body of opinion to support transmissions in Band "MW".

I invite everyone to read the web page on the website recommended ARI: <http://www.ari.it/>

Many thanks and have my best greetings. From (Alfredo Gallerati (IK7JGI, A.R.I Italian Amateur Radio Association) (pse diffuse that message to your friends! Thanks.), Aug 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, the previous situation hardly prevented private MW stations from proliferating. Private MW now legal in Italy (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

Broadcasting on mediumwave IS NOT legal in Italy; thanks to our friend Giorgio Marsiglio, who had recourse to the European Court, this is only the first step of a legislative process that has yet to begin --- and, above all, ARI has no role in this affair, has never had an active, and for which to my knowledge he has never taken a stand

(Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, <http://www.bclnews.it> dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD) Viz.:

NUOVE VOCI NELL'ETERE.

Se andassimo in giro a chiedere "conosci la radio in onde medie?", a malapena saprebbero rispondere le persone dai cinquant'anni in su. Eppure le onde medie italiane - quasi completamente abbandonate dalla RAI a favore prima della modulazione di frequenza e, tra non molto, dell'ancora sperimentale sistema digitale - potrebbero risorgere a nuova vita.

Il 18 agosto entra in vigore la "legge europea 2014" (n. 115 del 2015), che all'articolo 4 prevede che "le frequenze radio in onde medie a modulazione di ampiezza (AM) possono essere assegnate dal Ministero per le trasmissioni di radiodiffusione sonora, (...) anche a soggetti nuovi entranti". Viene così posto termine ad un divieto contro il quale la Commissione Europea avviò nel 2012 una procedura di infrazione, riconoscendo così anche agli operatori privati la possibilità di trasmettere in onde medie, fino ad ora monopolio della RAI. Ora si devono attendere i provvedimenti attuativi che Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM) prima, e Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico poi, dovranno adottare per assegnare le frequenze ai nuovi operatori in onde medie.

A dire il vero, qua e là per l'Italia, specie di sabato e domenica, alcuni pionieri delle onde medie - rischiando il sequestro da parte della Polizia postale e delle comunicazioni - da qualche anno stanno già trasmettendo, forti del principio che quella di comunicare in onde medie (in ambito locale) è una libertà tutelata dalla normativa europea e, prima ancora, dalle sentenze della Corte costituzionale italiana pronunciate al sorgere delle radio in FM.

Ci auguriamo che le Autorità non vogliano reprimere il fenomeno proprio adesso che anche la legge ha riconosciuto e fatto proprio un principio già esistente nel nostro ordinamento giuridico.

La nuova legge è importante non solo per l'ingresso di nuove voci nell'etere italiano (ci auguriamo con una programmazione rivolta al territorio di riferimento, come era stato negli auspici delle prime radio in FM), ma anche perché riguarda uno storico spicchio di frequenze alle quali, abbandonate ormai sia dalle grandi emittenti internazionali sia dai servizi locali, viene ora data un'occasione di evitare lo spegnimento totale.

Il grande pubblico, infatti, deve sapere che gli innegabili vantaggi (pulizia del segnale, facilità di sintonizzazione, pluralità di servizi) offerti da mezzi di comunicazione quali internet ed i

satelliti potrebbero essere pagati a caro prezzo, in quanto tali mezzi facilmente verrebbero spiati, controllati o, addirittura, distrutti se cadessero preda di pochi soggetti privati (con inevitabile monopolio) o pubblici (con conseguente dittatura). Per quanto riguarda, invece, le trasmissioni in standard digitale (DAB o DRM), che tra non molto saranno oggetto di offerte commerciali anche per la radiofonia italiana, l'esperienza del digitale terrestre televisivo ha insegnato che la ricezione sarà possibile solo se il segnale giungerà in perfette condizioni agli appositi radioricevitori.

Le stazioni radiofoniche in onde medie, invece, pur se con un audio di qualità inferiore, andranno a beneficiare di una fedeltà del segnale a lunga distanza e di un affollamento minore di quello che ora strangola la modulazione di frequenza. Proviamo solo a pensare all'utilità per la protezione civile, in quanto le onde medie garantirebbero - grazie alle stazioni radio posizionate in zone non colpite da calamità - l'informazione necessaria alle popolazioni residenti in zone disastrose, che avrebbero invece visto messi istantaneamente fuori uso i consueti mezzi di comunicazione quali tv, rete telefonica fissa e cellulare, internet (compresi i relativi hardware portatili) e le stazioni radio locali in FM.

Basterà solo possedere una radiolina a pile (dotata, perù, della gamma d'onda contrassegnata con OM, MW oppure AM). Nei prossimi mesi, giriamo la manopola a cercare queste nuove voci, all'inizio incerte o forse ingenui, che stanno a dirci che forse la voglia di comunicare non è morta. Giorgio Marsiglio (via Roberto Scaglione, August 19, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** ITALY. Shortwave test broadcast today from Italy
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/test-broadcast-of-marconi-radio.html>

Shortwave test broadcast, consisting of non stop music and announcements is on air today from Italy on 11390 kHz. Info: e-mail from Rosario Vittorio Queva. Weak signal here in Sofia Bulgaria around 1330 UT on 11389.6. Very poor at 1822 UT:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/shortwave-test-broadcast-today-from.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 19, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later IDed as Marconi Radio (gh)

** ITALY [non]. ITALY/ROMANIA, IRRS SW relay R. Warra Wangeelaa and R. Abisinia on August 15:
1500-1530 15515 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg EAf Oromo Sat, again weak signal
1600-1800 15470 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg EAf Amharic Sat again poor signal
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/irrs-sw-relay-rwarra-wangeelaa-and.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. D.P.R., Voice of Korea in Russian, announcement at

1807 UT:

All transmissions are moved 30 minutes later effective August 15

Full updated schedule is here

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/voice-of-korea.html>

KCBS Pyongyang on 6100, 9665 also s/off at 1830 UT, instead of 1800

Videos will be added tomorrow (Ivo Ivanov, Aug 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

13760, Aug 15 at 0547, VOK in Spanish about JapŪn, poor signal, as due to the timezone change to UT +8:30, all external programming has shifted one semi-hour later, as now changed thruout Aoki: Spanish 0530-0620. Strange propagation with nothing from Madagascar on 13765, 13840, but instead FE (China jammer against RFA also on 13790).

Propagation is really degraded with K-index of 7, such that at 1311 Aug 15, I detect only a VP carrier on 11710, which should now be KCBS in Korean with English USward not starting until 1330, when I only get JBA carriers on 11710 and sporadic // 9435. By 1354, it's a JBAC on 9435 and nothing on 11710 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello! On Saturday, 15 August 2015, VOICE OF KOREA, the official external broadcasting service of the DPR Korea (North) from Pyongyang, has been introducing the amended A15 Summer schedule owing to the new Standard Time of the DPR Korea (North) now dubbed 'Pyongyang Time'. The new Standard Time is UTC (GMT) +8.5 hours (previously UTC + 9 hours).

Please refer to Word documents attached for full details. You may freely distribute and publish the schedule provided you give due reference to me. [all posted to the dxldyg as attachments]

A-15/2 Transmission Schedule of the Voice of Korea, Pyongyang, DPR Korea valid from Saturday, 15 August Juche 104 (2015) last modified: 15 August Juche 104 (2015), Version: 1

Arabic

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|------|------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1530 | 9890 | 11645 | Near & Middle East; North Africa |
| 1730 | 9890 | 11645 | Near & Middle East; North Africa |

Chinese

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|------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 0330 | 13650 | 15105 | Southeast Asia | |
| 0530 | 7220 | 9445 | 9730 | Northeast China |
| 0630 | 13650 | 15105 | Southeast Asia | |
| 0830 | 7220 | 9445 | Northeast China | |
| 1130 | 7220 | 9445 | Northeast China | |
| 1330 | 11735 | 13650 | Southeast Asia | |
| 2130 | 7235 | 9445 | Northeast China | |
| 2130 | 9875 | 11635 | China | |

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|------|------|-------|--|-----------------|
| 2230 | 7235 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 2230 | 9875 | 11635 | | China |

German

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|------|------|-------|--|--------|
| 1630 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 1830 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 1930 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |

English

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|------|-------|-------|-------|--|----------------------------------|
| 0430 | 7220 | 9445 | 9730 | | Northeast Asia |
| 0430 | 11735 | 13760 | 15180 | | Central & South America |
| 0530 | 13650 | 15105 | | | Southeast Asia |
| 0630 | 7220 | 9445 | 9730 | | Northeast Asia |
| 1030 | 11710 | 15180 | | | Central & South America |
| 1030 | 11735 | 13650 | | | Southeast Asia |
| 1330 | 9435 | 11710 | | | North America |
| 1330 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |
| 1530 | 9435 | 11710 | | | North America |
| 1530 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |
| 1630 | 9890 | 11645 | | | Near & Middle East; North Africa |
| 1830 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |
| 1930 | 7210 | 11910 | | | South Africa |
| 1930 | 9875 | 11635 | | | Near & Middle East; North Africa |
| 2130 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |

French

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|------|-------|-------|-------|--|----------------------------------|
| 0430 | 13650 | 15105 | | | Southeast Asia |
| 0630 | 11735 | 13760 | 15180 | | Central & South America |
| 1130 | 11710 | 15180 | | | Central & South America |
| 1130 | 11735 | 13650 | | | Southeast Asia |
| 1430 | 9435 | 11710 | | | North America |
| 1430 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |
| 1630 | 9435 | 11710 | | | North America |
| 1630 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |
| 1830 | 7210 | 11910 | | | South Africa |
| 1830 | 9875 | 11635 | | | Near & Middle East; North Africa |
| 2030 | 13760 | 15245 | | | Western Europe |

Japanese

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|------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0730 | 621 | 3250 | 9650 | 11865 | | Japan |
| 0830 | 621 | 3250 | 9650 | 11865 | | Japan |
| 0930 | 621 | 3250 | 6070 | 9650 | 11865 | Japan |
| 1030 | 621 | 3250 | 6070 | 9650 | 11865 | Japan |
| 1130 | 621 | 3250 | 6070 | 9650 | 11865 | Japan |
| 1230 | 621 | 3250 | 6070 | 9650 | 11865 | Japan |
| 2130 | 621 | 3250 | 9650 | 11865 | | Japan |
| 2230 | 621 | 3250 | 9650 | 11865 | | Japan |
| 2330 | 621 | 3250 | 9650 | 11865 | | Japan |

Korean

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|-------------|-------|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| 0330 (PBS)* | 7220 | 9445 | 9730 | Northeast China |
| 0730 (PBS)* | 7220 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 0930 (KCBS) | 7220 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 0930 (PBS)* | 9875 | 11735 | | Far Eastern Russia |
| 0930 (PBS)* | 13760 | 15245 | | Europe |
| 1030 (PBS)* | 7220 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 1230 (KCBS) | 11710 | 15180 | | Central & South America |
| 1230 (KCBS) | 11735 | 13650 | | Southeast Asia |
| 1230 (PBS)* | 7220 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 1330 (PBS)* | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 1430 (KCBS) | 11735 | 13650 | | Southeast Asia |
| 1730 (KCBS) | 9435 | 11710 | | North America |
| 1730 (KCBS) | 13760 | 15245 | | Western Europe |
| 2030 (KCBS) | 7210 | 11910 | | South Africa |
| 2030 (KCBS) | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 2030 (KCBS) | 9875 | 11635 | | Near & Middle East; North Africa |
| 2330 (KCBS) | 7235 | 9445 | | Northeast China |
| 2330 (KCBS) | 9875 | 11635 | | China |
| 2330 (KCBS) | 13760 | 15245 | | Western Europe |

Russian

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| 0730 | 9875 | 11735 | | Far Eastern Russia |
| 0730 | 13760 | 15245 | | Europe |
| 0830 | 9875 | 11735 | | Far Eastern Russia |
| 0830 | 13760 | 15245 | | Europe |
| 1430 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 1530 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |
| 1730 | 9425 | 12015 | | Europe |

Spanish

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|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| 0330 | 11735 | 13760 | 15180 | Central & South America |
| 0530 | 11735 | 13760 | 15180 | Central & South America |
| 1930 | 13760 | 15245 | | Western Europe |
| 2230 | 13760 | 15245 | | Western Europe |

(via DXLD)

Please see below for the two official articles published by the DPR

Korea news agency KCNA

<http://www.kcna.kp/kcna.user.article.retrieveNewsViewInfoList.kcmsf#this>

More publicity on the new Pyongyang Time is available here:

http://www.naenara.com.kp/en/news/news_view.php?19+6880

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7WrGJWhNsg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1hrFlsP82Y> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRdb5taxDmw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0Yba35QXek>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHBZNPcyVzA>

Pyongyang Pangsong on 3320.1 kHz making the time change:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLazVKRTpwo>

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WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PYONGYANG TIME FIXED IN DPRK

Pyongyang, August 7 Juche 104 (2015) (KCNA) -- The DPRK decided to fix the standard time on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

A decree of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK published on Wednesday said:

It was on August 15 when President Kim Il Sung , benefactor of national resurrection and peerless patriot, crushed the brigandish Japanese imperialists by making long journeys of anti-Japanese bloody battles and liberated Korea. It was the day of historical significance as it put an end to the history of national sufferings and brought about a radical turn in carving out the destiny of the country and its people.

The wicked Japanese imperialists committed such unpardonable crimes as depriving Korea of even its standard time while mercilessly trampling down its land with 5 000 year-long history and culture and pursuing the unheard-of policy of obliterating the Korean nation.

It is the firm faith and will of the DPRK's service personnel and people to force the Japanese imperialists to pay for the monstrous crimes committed by them for a century, firmly defend the national sovereignty and demonstrate for eternity the dignity and might of the great Paektusan nation shining with the immortal august names of Kim Il Sung and leader Kim Jong Il .

The Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK makes the following decision reflecting the unshakable faith and will of the service personnel and people on the 70th anniversary of Korea's liberation:

Firstly, the time at 127 degrees 30 minutes east longitude or 30 minutes later than the present one shall be fixed as the standard time of the DPRK and called Pyongyang time.

Secondly, Pyongyang time shall be applied from Aug. 15, Juche 104 (2015).

Thirdly, the DPRK Cabinet and relevant organs shall take practical steps to carry out this decree. -0-

BELL TOLLS STANDARD TIME IN KOREA AT 00:00, AUGUST 15, JUCHE 104 (2015)

Pyongyang, August 15 Juche 104 (2015) (KCNA) -- The day of August 15, Juche 104 (2015) broke amid keen interest.

The Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK decided to set the standard time of the Republic with 127 degrees 30 minutes east longitude as a standard and to apply it from August 15.

The thirty minutes between 24:00, August 14 of the previous time and 00:00, August 15 of Pyongyang time will be taken off to set 00:00 of August 15 of the previous time as 00:30 and all clocks would be set as "00:00, August 15, Pyongyang time" at 00:30, August 15 of previous time.

At 00:00, the Pyongyang Bell tolled deep sound at state standard time 00:00 at the Pyongyang Astronomical Observatory, just as it did to the great excitement of the Koreans greeting the New Year's Day after the liberation of the country.

The moment, the clock tower of the Grand People's Study House and the clock tower of Pyongyang Railway Station all tolled the time of Korea, Pyongyang time.

At the same time, all industrial establishments, trains and ships across the country sounded sirens and whistles.

Service personnel of the Korean People's Army on their duties of defending the country, scientists working on satellites to explore a new area of conquering space and all other people of the country set their clock and watches according to Pyongyang time amid excitement and delight at the national event. -0- (via Arnulf Piontek, DXLD)

Part of "new" time and frequency schedule of English service of Voice of Korea, recorded on August 15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JePTTr2n95Jc&feature=youtu.be>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

This evening KCBS in Korean on 6100//9665//11680 was at 1827 with National Anthem and close/down and PBS with pips at 1830 on 6400 and s/off. All earlier with same procedures were at 1800 UT. On 9425 at 1824 V of Korea in Russian announced the old time schedule for 1700-1800 UT, but now was on the air 1730-1827, followed by in German on 9425 (with ?AIR?) and 12015 from 1825 with Iran. August 17th, 2015. 73s, Glenn (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Updated schedule of KCBS Pyongyang from August 14, local time Aug. 15
2030-0900 on 6100 KNG 250 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 2000-0830
1330-1830 on 6100 KNG 250 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 1300-1800

2030-0900 on 9665 KNG 050 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 2000-0830
1330-1830 on 9665 KNG 050 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 1300-1800
2030-0900 on 11680 KNG 050 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 2000-0830
1330-1830 on 11680 KNG 050 kW / non-dir to NEAs Korean, ex 1300-1800

KCBS Pyongyang over two freqs of Voice of Korea 9425 & 12015, Aug. 14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/updated-summer-15-sw-schedule-for-voice.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

CHINA vs KOREA D.P.R.: CRI and CNR-1 vs Voice of Korea on August 19
1430-1527 9435 KUJ 200 kW / 028 deg NoAm French Voice of Korea
1400-1600 9435 KAS 100 kW / 209 deg SoAs Urdu China R Int'l
1430-1527 11710 KUJ 200 kW / 028 deg NoAm French Voice of Korea
1400-1600 11710 BEI 100 kW / 285 deg EaAs Chinese China Nat'l Radio-1
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/cri-and-cnr-1-vs-voice-of-korea-on.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Commies vs Commies!

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 9950, TAIWAN, Wind from Japan (Presumed)
8/13, 1300. Soft music and open with W in Korean after an OC before
the hour. Good but choppy. Recheck had (presumed) Furusato No Kaze,
and off at 1357, leaving only siren like (DPRK) jammer (Rick Barton,
Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky
and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Nippon no Kaze (Taiwan Relay), 9950, 1326 18 AUG, - NIPPON NO KAZE
(CLA) in KOREAN from TANSUI. SINPO = 35233. Korean, female announcer,
light music in background, 1326z reading a list of some sort. 1328
musical interlude, 1330z interval signal and s/on in Japanese. Sf
86.7, a 27, k 2, geomag: quiet. 100 kW, beamAz 2deg, bearing 310deg.
Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las
Vegas, United States, 11005 km from transmitter at Tansui. Local
time: 0626. 73s (--Rodney Johnson, NV, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Frequency change of Voice of Martyrs
on Aug. 15
1600-1730 NF 7505 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg to NEAs Korean, ex 7510.
Video will be added today. My last recording on old 7510, Aug. 11
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-voice-of-martyrs.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UZBEQUISTAN, 7505, Voice of Martyrs, Tashkent, 1714-, escuchada el 15
de agosto de 2015 en coreano a locutora con comentarios, sin se0al en
7510, SINPO 34333 (JosÉ Miguel Romero, Saca0et (Castell0n), Espa0a,
Yaesu FRG 7700, Sangean ATS 909, Antena hilo 10 m, dxldyg via DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN, Another open carrier, dead air over weak Radio Free Chosun

1300-1500 11570 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg NEAs Korean + carrier on 11569.9

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/another-open-carrier-dead-air-over.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Jammer??

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. K-POP AGAINST KIM JONG-UN: KOREAS RESUME RADIO BROADCASTS ACROSS DMZ

theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/19/south-korea-radio-voice-freedom-dmz

Soft-power sound war escalates as Seoul and Pyongyang turn up the volume on propaganda transmitted over border. NK News reports

South and North Korea have begun a high-volume propaganda war, blasting radio broadcasts across the demilitarised zone after a landmine explosion exacerbated tensions along the border between the two countries.

Two South Korean soldiers injured in apparent landmine explosion on border --- Pair had been patrolling within demilitarised zone when blast occurred and were airlifted out in serious condition, says army

Seoul resumed broadcasts toward North Korea from a system of loudspeakers last week in response to the detonation of a mine, allegedly planted by North Korean personnel, which seriously injured two soldiers. The government has announced plans to expand the loudspeaker system, erecting 11 to cover the length of the border.

North Korean state news service called the broadcasts a grave military provocation, and threatened an all-out military action of justice to blow up all means of anti-North psychological warfare. Yesterday there were reports that the North was restarting its own high-decibel pro-regime broadcasts.

Radio war

Radio has been a battleground between North and South Korea since a ceasefire in the Korean war in 1953, with broadcasting and signal-jamming taking place on both sides. The stretch of no-mans-land between the countries has been described as one of the busiest for radio-waves in the world.

The South broadcasts Voice of Freedom radio, one of three stations that transmits to the DPRK, and one of the oldest. It usually broadcasts about ethnic homogeneity, the superiority of the South Korean system, and various types of K-pop, said an insider, speaking

on condition of anonymity.

Ask a North Korean: do you love K-pop too?

In an ongoing series, NK News poses a reader's question to a North Korean defector. This week a reader asks: have South Korea's K-pop stars prompted a similar craze across the border?

It used to be more stridently [against] North Korea in the past, but since the 1990s it has been trying to describe the reality of democratic society as a more effective means of psychological warfare, another source said, also anonymously.

Broadcasts from the North are said to be more directly bellicose. A South Korean military official told the Seoul-based newspaper Kyunghyang Sinmun that the DPRK's broadcasts against the South deal with slander of the South Korean government, as well as promoting the North Korean regime, adding that the North's speakers were old and rusty and sometimes difficult to understand.

A source said the North's main reason for broadcasting was to drown out the Voice of Freedom, adding that the South would in turn increase the volume of its own loudspeakers.

Tuning in

Voice of Freedom plays on FM radio in Seoul, as well as shortwave over the border. Its broadcasts include a combination of casual conversation alongside anti-DPRK content, an afternoon's listening revealed.

One day last week it featured defectors talking about their lives in the South, a discussion about how to deal with hot weather and a programme of Buddhist preaching. Well-known journalist Ju Seong-ha, a defector, participated in a segment called Read the Rodong Sinmun Again, analysing North Korea's state-run newspaper.

No foreign country will welcome Kim Jong Un, because he is a dictator. He is playing the king alone, on the red velvet
South Korean journalist Ju Seong-ha [caption]

Ju and the anchor criticised Kim Jong-un's behaviour, mocking staged photo-ops of him getting off a plane as though he were travelling on a state visit. No foreign country will welcome Kim Jong-un, because he is a dictator. Thus, he is playing the king alone, on the red velvet, Ju said.

Other content focused on human rights abuses in North Korea, a country

compared to Nazi Germany in a 2014 UN report. On this occasion, the treatment of South Korean worker Yoo Seong-jin during his illegal four month detention in 2009 was condemned.

Between shows, the station broadcasts pop music. Some songs reach back to pre-K-pop days, while others revel in the vibrant, hyper-modern sound that has helped make South Korea a soft-power superstar. A version of this article originally appeared on NK News
Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

LOUDSPEAKERS ARE NOT RADIO BROADCASTS, BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION. But this article also deals with real radio. Contrary to the headline, the *radio* broadcasts have not ``resumed`` --- they have continued all along (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, KBS World (Presumed), 8/10, 1645. This was almost a famous GH/OK "non"-log, with reception of KBS continuing to go downhill. Very Poor (Rick Barton, Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Besides the ``N American`` service, 40 degrees at 13-15 in English & Korean, 15575 is also in HFCC A-15 from KBS at 16-20 in English --- only??? at 290 degrees; plus 23-24 non-direxional in English, 00-03 on 40 degrees in Spanish --- but these are labeled ``OLD-B14`` entries. We thought they were imaginary, multi-hour broadcasts in English or Spanish. Could you tell what language was on at 1645? Note, there is another 15575 listing, probably imaginary for Saudi Arabia at 14-16 on 15575. Current Aoki shows nothing but KBS on 15575, and only at 02-03 & 13-15 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A probably well deserved trip to the woodshed - an uncaught typo. The time correctly was at 1345. Even I know that there is no KBS World English at 1600, an hour when I am rarely "at the dials" anyway. The error is regretted (Rick Barton, dxldyg via DXLD)

Not at all; tnx, Rick. Actually, there is English from KBS at 16-17, but scheduled on two other (31m) frequencies, making a mistaken appearance on 15575 that much more possible (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

15575, KBS W, 8/14, 1355. M closing out the English hour and opening the new hour with W in Korean. Noted that reception not that great, but certainly much much better than it has been of late. Fair / Good. (Rick Barton, Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Denge Kurdistan, change of transmitter site 1900

till 1900 on 11600 ISS 250 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, typical tweet from 1900 on 11600 KCH 300 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Kurdish, not ISSOUDUN!
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/denge-kurdistan-change-of-transmitter.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. Reception of Kyrgyz Radio 1, August 11: Kyrgyz Radio 1 1700 & 1725 on 4010 BI 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs Kyrgyz
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-kyrgyz-radio-1-on-august-11.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. Reception of Afghan Christian Radio, R. Sadaye Zindagi: 1658 & 1711 on 5130 BI 100 kW / non-dir to CeAs Dari
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/reception-of-afghan-christian-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. Public broadcaster Radio Madagascar available on an online stream --- There's a live audio stream of public broadcaster Radio Madagascar (a.k.a. Radio Nationale Madagasikara) on a third-party website at anio-info.com, which also provides a feed of private FM station Radio Antsiva.

Radio Madagascar is observed online round the clock, identifying in French and Malagasy as "Radio Madagascar" (or very occasionally as "RNM") and with "99.2" jingles. Their interval signal only seems to get one daily airing, a very brief burst at or a few minutes before local midnight (2100 UT). The broadcaster doesn't seem to have its own website although they have an apparently official Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/radio.madagasikara>

The station is still heard on shortwave, for instance [by Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD 15-29] drifting around 5010 kHz at 1825 UT as recently as 20 July 2015. You can hear a recent clip of Radio Madagascar on the Interval Signals Online website, at <http://www.intervalsignals.net> (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Aug 15, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010.364, 26 Jul 0215, UNID carrier. Severe drifting between approx. .360-.400. Madagascar? (Johan Letterstål, dx-ing from Fårna, Sweden, SW Bulletin August 16 via DXLD) Yes, it is R Madagasikara with that type of drift! /TN (Thomas Nilsson, ed., ibid.)

** MALI. 5995, Radio Mali, Bamako, *0559-0612, 14-08, tuning Music, identification, French: "UCI Radio Mali emetant du Bamako", comments,

Koran songs. 24322.

9635, Radio Mali, Bamako, 1748-1759*, 10-08, vernacular comments, tuning music, identification, close. 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo and Reinante, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So was the modulation OK now?? (gh, DXLD)

** MALI. Good reception of China Radio International via Bamako Aug 11 from 1502 on 17630 BKO 100 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English, scheduled 1400-1600
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-reception-of-china-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD) See EAST TURKISTAN

** MEXICO [and non]. 580, Aug 17 at 0541, ranchera music is holding its own against WIBW Topeka, presumed XEMU Piedras Negras, and as the two are not exactly opposite, by carefully positioning the DX-398 I can null or minimize the WIBW signal without totally nulling the other one. Live DJ with timecheck, but no ID, before WIBW regains (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 800, XEQT La Poderosa, Veracruz, Veracruz. 1012 August 15, 2015. Canned slogan by man between each Mexi-tune. Near local level for a few minutes, then a little co-channel by pre-sunrise authority WPLK from 1022. Listed as just 1 kW. Nice not to hear XEROK for a change (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. CUMPLE RADIO HUAYACOCOTLA 50 A-OS AL AIRE
<http://www.jornada.unam.mx/ultimas/2015/08/17/cumple-radio-huayacocotla-50-anos-al-aire-6095.html>

Huayacocotla, Ver. A estas alturas del universo comunicacional, una radio regional enclavada en la serranía puede parecer limitada, pero Radio Huayacocotla, La Voz de los Campesinos, que cumplió 50 años el sábado, ha demostrado ser más que una emisora. La radio comunitaria más antigua del país ha obrado la multiplicación de las voces con tenacidad cotidiana a lo largo de sus varias vidas. Los centenares de indígenas de 12 municipios que confluyeron aquí el fin de semana para conmemorarla saben que, más que una estación de radio, ha sido compañera de sus luchas y sus penas, de sus fiestas y sus triunfos. Es parte de ellos mismos.

Instalada en un pueblo mestizo a 2 mil 200 metros de altura a las puertas de la Huasteca, alcanza centenares de comunidades y ciudades en Veracruz, Hidalgo, Puebla y algunas de San Luis Potosí. Esta región desafía los límites estatales; en sus montes y valles se entretejen pueblos nahuas, otomíes y tepehuas que cada vez más juntan sus luchas

y no sólo sus oídos, y logran encontrarse con totonacas y tenek para el resguardo de los recursos naturales; por ejemplo su activa resistencia al fracking para extraer hidrocarburos de sus territorios ancestrales.

Posted by: (JOSE MIGUEL ROMERO ROMERO, dxldyg via DXLD) ex-2390 kHz XEJN; now XHFCE-FM, 105.5, 10 kW, La Voz de los Campesinos (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. Quote Originally Posted by Gargadon

This is an article that Gabriel Sosa Plata wrote 3 years ago about XEINFO and its particular mode of running:
<http://www.mediatelecom.com.mx/index...pol%C3%ADticos>

Maybe I follow the same path as Sosa Plata and make a request for legal papers about XEINFO later, just for curiosity. I follow Sosa Plata on Twitter. Thanks for sharing. I've even translated it for everyone else's enjoyment:

The story seems incredible, but it is not: in Mexico, there is a commercial radio station, broadcasting for almost a year without advertisements, promotions or the spots of the federal government or political parties. What exceptional broadcaster are we talking about?

It is no other than the former Radio Consentida, erstwhile La Banda 15-60 and one-time Radio Monitor, broadcasting on 1560 AM, with the callsign XEINFO-AM, in the Federal District. This station, which was home to the successful Monitor newscast with José Gutiérrez Vivó, now transmits instrumental ranchera music around the clock.

The station identifies every half hour with its calls and nothing more. It doesn't have DJs, commercial announcements, IFE spots, political party spots or those of the federal government. It is like a musical jukebox that lives in a state of exemption. Why? We don't know.

What we do know is that the station was sold in August 2007, by José Gutiérrez Vivó, to a business concern of Eduardo Henkel Rojas, as payment for a loan extended to the journalist. However, months later, on May 24, 2008, it ceased to broadcast together with XENET-AM 1320, once STIRT hung its red and black flags at the La Presa studios where Grupo Monitor was located, as a consequence of Monitor's debt of some 10 pay periods to the key workers and 13 pay periods to those in administrative positions.

Even though XEINFO was no longer owned by Gutiérrez Vivó, the station was also closed or, in other words, it was taken to the dance only because the studios of the station were also located in the

building on La Presa [La Presa 212, San Jer nimo L dice].

As I mentioned before in this space, it was not until March 20, 2011, that the station resumed transmissions and since then remains with the same programming. Via the transparency law, I solicited from the Comisi n Federal de Telecomunicaciones copies of the documents produced by that agency concerning the situation of XEINFO-AM, between 2008 and 2011. They sent them to me and what I found in them is that the station solicited, prior to the strike, authorization to move its main studios from La Presa to Durango 331, Colonia Roma, home of the studios of Radio 6.20, owned by Radiodifusoras Asociadas (RASA), a business of the Laris family. In June of that year the move was authorized.

Also since then, the legal agent of the concessionaire, XEFAJ, S.A. de C.V. (Eduardo Henkel), also solicited authorization to move its transmitter from San Jer nimo Tepatlacalco, Tlalnepantla [Edomex], where other Grupo Radio Centro station transmitters are located, to San Andr s de la Ca ada, Ecatepec, Edomex, where the Radio 6.20 transmitter is. That was not authorized until February 2010.

In three of the documents, Cofetel asks the concessionaire about the reasons why, on various occasions, its transmissions were interrupted for several days, which shows signs of the station having various technical problems, although this does not explain or justify its state of exception, but we'll look more into the matter.

For now, if you like Mexican music, XEINFO-AM 1560, could be the option for your enjoyment --- without DJs, commercials, spots from the government of the president of the Republic or spots from the pre candidates of the PAN. Interesting, no? (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Aug 13, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

I am now wondering how much power XEINFO is using, because, here is a clip of them I have from home on Apr. 7, 2014. BTW I really wish that somebody in Mexico has airchecks of the following, besides those at intervalsignals.net :

 XEX 730 early 1970s (top 40 jingles & such)

 XEX-FM 101.7 early 1970s (in English)

 XEVIP 1560 1970s (I never caught that one well, even at higher power, as the clip of 1560 here)

 XHVIP 88.1 1980s/90s (bilingual---I have a DX clip from 1993 which was awesome)

Attached Files File Type: mp3 001B_140407_0049.MP3 (270.0 KB, 1 views)
 cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Aug 14, ibid.)

Your last item I can take care of:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duxvm8TWaio>

And no, 88.1 was never XHVIP. The concession history proves it, as does this 1979 aircheck (88.1 was put on air in 1976). XHVIP was actually originally awarded to 104.9!

<http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/0902526480029aef.pdf>

The name of the concessionaire also indicates that the original owners would have been the Serna family and RPM. (Hidden in one of the concession renewals is a reference to XERPE-FM being the station's first, first callsign ó I had not seen this until today!)

In 1973, 104.9 was sold to Joaqu n Vargas G mez (that should answer your MVS-related questions) and immediately became XHMRD-FM. (Raymie Humbert, [his latest tagline]: "...Un servicio m s de Radio Programas de M xico.", *ibid.*)

Au contraire, Raymie! I do (or, did) have a clip from 1993. It was on WTFDA prior to the loss of the attachments. Just like the KNX, I hope to find it once more and upload. It includes call letter ID.

Also, you can pick from here, although I know that any Wiki can be altered:

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=xhvip+88.1+fm&start=0
cd (Dunnne, *ibid.*)

If you have a 1993 clip, that'd be appreciated. Perhaps the callsign went XHRED -> XHVIP -> XHRED? A search for XHVIP-FM brings up an entry for La Presa 212 (nope, that's definitely not it). (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Raymie, the clip is a lot of fun, IMO. I may have seen XHGC 5 over the ol' WPTV analog at the same time. Now to be on the hunt for that cassette. I also got a package from Mexico maybe the same year, a Directorio CIRT (sp?) which had all the AM & FM stations for Mexico. Unfortunately, IIRC, the phone number for XHVIP was wrong (XHVIP had some English), and I think I got cursed out in Spanish by a guy likely at home. cd (Dunne, *ibid.*)

CIRT sounds right ó that's the Mexican analog to the National Association of Broadcasters (Raymie, *ibid.*)

I used to look at that CIRT information (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, *ibid.*) Me, too (gh)

Retro 1993---XHVIP 88.1 Ciudad de Mexico --- Praise the Lord, I found the tape! Took about 10 minutes in my messy cassette box, but here it is, XHVIP (now XHRED Radio Red) 88.1 Mexico City, bilingual SS/EE.

This had to be June 1993, July at the latest. 1993 was a fantastic year for me for Latin America FM & TV DX. This was two parts put together of 88.1. In between (not heard here) was XHFO 92.1, "150 mil watts" --- Mexico City FM stations were monsters back then. XHVIP not so much --- 80 kW in 1993. This tape warped itself somehow, and the end of the clip could be better, but oh well.) Attached Files
File Type: mp3 193L_150815_0053.MP3 (1.18 MB, 14 views)
<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?10160-Retro-1993-XHVIP-88-1-Ciudad-de-Mexico&p=36634#post36634>
(Chris Dunne, Aug 15, ibid.)

Thank you for finding this! I wouldn't have known this from the RPC at all. The callsign change to XHRED had to have occurred when the station was flipped to "Radio Red FM". There were NO references or reliable sources to suggest the calls were ever here.

So, let's reconstruct a history of the callsigns:

November 1966: A concession is issued to Cía Radiotelevisora Mexicana, <http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/0902526480029aef.pdf>
a business of the Serna family, for XHVIP-FM 104.9. XHVIP appears in the November 1970 DOF Master List.

1973: XHVIP-FM is sold to Joaquín Vargas Gómez, who founded MVS. The callsign is changed to XHMRD-FM.

1973: The Serna family buys Radio Central de México, the business of Rafael Cutberto Navarro's Radio Cadena Nacional, and 1110 AM (XERCN). The callsign is changed to XERED-AM and the XERCN calls migrate to Cutberto Navarro's Tijuana station on 1470.

December 10, 1976: A concession http://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=4857996&fecha=10/12/1976
is issued to Radio Central de México for an FM radio station in Mexico City, XHRED-FM 88.1. The application was made in 1960. (It is worth noting that XERCN-FM 88.4 appeared in several early 70s BSW lists.)

1979: XEVIP-AM 1560 is sold to Radio Industrial de la Provincia (Radio Centro). Its calls are changed to XEFAJ-AM, in honor of Radio Centro founder Francisco Aguirre Jiménez, and it ditches the VIP format for romantic music "Radio Consentida".

After 1979: The callsign of the radio station is apparently changed to XHVIP-FM. This callsign is in use in 1993.

1994: Grupo Radio Centro buys 33% of Radiodifusoras Red (the successor to Radio Programas de México). In November, GRC announces its intention to buy the remaining stake, an action delayed two years by

the Mexican debt crisis of 1994. In the November 1994 press release, XHRED-FM appears.

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/GRUPO+RADIO+CENTRO+TO+PURCHASE+RADIO+DIFUSION+RED-a015910824>

1995: 88.1 is relaunched as Radio Red FM ó contemporary music in English plus Monitor with Jos  Guti rrez Viv . (Monitor had apparently been airing on Radio VIP for some time prior; it was Mexico's #1 radio newscast for quite some time.) (Raymie Humbert, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. August 13: 1510 UT on 2, CCI briefly with some audio, language uncertain; 6m Es map shows center of activity over southern Illinois, so maybe Ontario, but those maps often miss Mexican openings even into TV band.

Still some sporadic-E as we arrive at mid-August, morning of Aug 15, UT:

1548 on 2, CCI fade-in mainly old movie, tentative Televisa-2 star bug in LR, maybe B&W

1557 on 2, definitely that bug, and 1558 MUF up to channel 2 audio, Spanish

1600 on 2, titles on movie, looks like opening rather than closing, featuring girl riding a bike

1621 on 2, briefly Televisa-5 net bug in LR, fade

1650 on 2, still some weak analog CCI occasionally (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. MEXICO HANDS OUT FREE TVs TO THE POOR IN MASSIVE GIVEAWAY

iI am happy,  Lopez said. iWe ve always wanted a digital television. We ll see more channels. The kids will see cartoons.  . . .

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/television-677251-mexico-digital.html>
-- (via Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT USA, Aug 14, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Great! So analog TV and FM DXing is coming to an end because of the digital transition. I wonder what format they are using for digital TV. I hope it's ATSC and not something else. I guess Mexico is running out of spectrum space too like us, and bet the Mexican "Policia" are going to use APCO 25 digital radio too right? (Adam Ebel, Virginia Beach, Virginia, *ibid.*)

Well, radio won't be going digital in the Americas any time soon.

Yes, Mexico is using ATSC. My understanding is that they allow MPEG-4 coding for subchannels, which is not technically ATSC compliant but should work fine on recent TVs.

(However, several Central American countries are NOT using ATSC. Costa Rica & Guatemala are using the Japanese ISDB-TV system; Panama is using Europe's DVB-T. Most South American countries are using ISDB-T with modifications engineered by Brazil. Colombia is DVB-T. Cuba has reportedly selected the Chinese DTMB system.)

To some degree the US is forcing the issue. And yes, I think Mexico *is* running out of space for the same reason (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, *ibid.*)

**** MEXICO. RAYMIE'S MEXICO BEAT, this week:**

The IFT delivered the smackdown on 12 pirate radio stations today, all but one in the state of Chiapas:

- 95.5 MHz Palenque, Chiapas
- 95.9 MHz Palenque, Chiapas
- 96.3 MHz Palenque, Chiapas
- 106.1 MHz Santo Domingo Zanatepec, Oaxaca
- 91.9 MHz Tonalá, Chiapas
- 100.1 MHz Tonalá, Chiapas
- 102.1 MHz Tonalá, Chiapas
- 105.7 MHz Tonalá, Chiapas
- 100.5 MHz San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas
- 94.5 MHz San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas
- 92.7 MHz Ocosingo, Chiapas
- 93.7 MHz Ocosingo, Chiapas

Wow, that's a lot of pirates. Can you say pérdida de bienes en beneficio de la Nación?

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[with hotlink to each callsign below]

<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?9113-OPMA-is-changing&p=36614#post36614>

- XHVIM-TDT 22 (Ixhuatlán de Madero Ver.) .65 kW
- XHGLP-TDT 25, .29 kW
- XHMJI-TDT 21 (Jiquilpan Mich.) .226 kW
- XHMPU-TDT 34 (Puruandiro Mich.) .114 kW
- XHAPA-TDT 26 (Apatzingán Mich.), .151 kW
- XHGSC-TDT 45, .2512 kW (to four decimal places!)
- XHGTI-TDT 23, .1264 kW
- XHGJE-TDT 31, .03228 kW
- XHGMV-TDT 35, .05 kW
- XHGDM-TDT 24, .029 kW

XHGPE-TDT 21, .5 kW
XHGAT-TDT 24, .12 kW
XHGDU-TDT 30, 1 kW
XHGTD-TDT 21, .1452 kW
XHGCN-TDT 24, .4776 kW
XHGTA-TDT 50, .29 kW
XHGSF-TDT 33, .4356 kW
XHCMC-TDT 21, .112 kW (buried amid all these Guanajuatos!)
XHGJI-TDT 43, 1.076 kW
XHSMA-TDT 24, 2.5 kW
XGHU-TDT 50, .029 kW
XHGJR-TDT 50, .29 kW
XHDLG-TDT 45, 1.032 kW
XHCEP-TDT 46, .5 kW (train's coming!)
XHSPM-TDT 22, 3.94 kW

If you're wondering, all those transmitter authorizations for TVCuatro Guanajuato still do not bring them to an authorization for every transmitter. They had two (León and Celaya) and added five in the April tables. XHGCO is still missing.

All but XHCEP are in state networks. It's getting harder to find these or they're there, but the RPC does not show them as being authorized for TDT service when they are.

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More of them:

XHWDT-TDT 35, 40 kW
Shadows for XHOAH: El Mimbres and San Pedro de las Colonias
XHCCP-TDT 25 (assignment) (if that came on it would be a miracle)
XHMAW-TDT 42, 35 kW. On this one I need to note a prediction I

made on May 15:

Mark my words... XHMAW-TDT 42 is going to show up in the IFT tables at the next update. Last edited by Raymie; 08-14-2015 at 06:25 PM (Raymie Humbert, Phúnix AZ, Aug 14, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

"A este efecto, todos los Concesionarios de Televisión y Permisarios de Televisión en el país deberán realizar Transmisiones Digitales a través de alguno de los mecanismos referidos en el artículo 7, a más tardar el 15 de agosto de 2015." ó DOF, Artículo 7 de la Política de TDT, pub. 11 September 2014

Time for another big headline from El Economista:

<http://eleconomista.com.mx/industrias/2015/08/14/transmision-digital-obligatoria-no-hay-prorroga-ift>

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DIGITAL TRANSMISSION IS OBLIGATORY AND THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS:

IFT --- Nicolás Lucas - 14 Aug. 2015

The IFT shut down any possibility of extending the timeframes for concessionaires and permittees to begin broadcasting their programming in digital by tomorrow (August 15) at the latest, given that the deadline is a constitutional mandate.

"It's a constitutional mandate. There is no room for and there will be no extensions: the transmission is in digital. If someone's not on the air in digital, we must see why: there's a law. We advocate that the concessionaires do all that is necessary to get their signals on air in digital," commented Alejandro Navarrete, Director of the IFT's Unit of Radioelectric Spectrum.

[...]

Navarrete was confident that between today and next week at the IFT "we'll be receiving a storm of documents" from the operators of broadcast stations indicating the beginning of programming in digital.

As the IFT receives the notifications of digital transmission on the part of the concessionaires and permittees, the regulator will have a better sense of the progress of the apag n anal gico and the possibilities of declaring early analog shutoffs in various cities in the Republic.

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And this one might interest you too. The IFT also said it will look at 600 MHz auction models in 2017, <http://eleconomista.com.mx/industrias/2015/08/14/segundo-dividendo-digital-mexico-ligado-eu> once the US FCC incentive auction and repacking passes. Such spectrum would be used for 5G data services, of course (Raymie, Aug 14, *ibid.*)

AUGUST 15, 2015: DTV-DAY --- Line items from the deadline for stations to be on (which I do not expect the vast majority of permit stations to make):

XHKF (40.2) Colima is back on the air with a permanent setup.

XHNCG (6.x) (no authorization on file) and XHCGC 24 (8.x) Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chih., are reported on the air at least as of yesterday. The most likely physical channel for XHNCG is 27.

XHPNW 39 (22.x) will apparently go on the air Monday, August 24 at 8pm.

https://twitter.com/Radio_Zocalo/status/632359821409259520

It looks like they have also picked up an affiliation with Multimedios, too; there's a small Multimedios star in their logo, and

they're using a Multimedios slogan. There are two missing authorizations in Piedras Negras, but I suspect as Televisa has one authorization that those other two are also on air.

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New authorizations found include some of the CORTV network, for the first time. Each of these CORTV digital transmitters will operate at .2 kW. These authorizations are dated July 8:

XHNEA-TDT 22
XHTLO-TDT 21 (front cover missing; 21 is correct)
XHSCJ-TDT 27
XHSPT-TDT 22
XHSXL-TDT 22

Last edited by Raymie; 08-15-2015 at 05:13 PM (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Well that was uneventful --- And we still have missing stations.

Telemex Hermosillo is likely to go on this week, and two days later the Ciudad Obregón transmitter will follow suit at the same ERP. (Too bad we don't have a single digital authorization between the two!) This is the first we've heard of XHCOJ's digitalization effort. It is the last missing station in Obregón.

I also found one more Guanajuato authorization: XHGVK-TDT 27.
http://rpc.ift.org.mx/rpc/pdfs/170615-FREC_ADICIONAL-010034.pdf
XHGO is still missing. TV4 is at the front of the preparation line in terms of the large state networks.

Last edited by Raymie; 08-16-2015 at 05:28 PM. (Raymie, Aug 16, *ibid.*)

THE NFL ON THE RADIO --- IN MEXICO

Mexico has a love affair with American football. There's no national pro league, but there are dozens of college teams, and as has been mentioned here before, the NFL has a presence with all of the major TV outlets in Mexico. So I was wondering how much radio coverage the NFL gets south of the border.

A few teams do indeed have affiliation agreements with stations in Mexico, though not as many as I expected. And one team I would not have pegged initially to have had a national radio contract.

Arizona Cardinals

The Cardinals have an extensive Spanish-language radio presence <https://i.imgur.com/pErXxjs.png> and the largest in Mexico, with stations from Tuxtla Gutiérrez to Mexicali as well as a presence in Guadalajara and Mexico. Almost all

of the stations outside of Sonora are owned by Radiorama, including XEUR and XEWF Mexico City and XEPJ Guadalajara; however, the Cardinals have a partnership with Grupo Larsa that gives them near-saturation coverage of Sonora. (I recreated the official list because it's a mess of callsign errors, particularly of the AM FM migration variety.) Their radio presence actually makes them the second most popular American football team in Mexico according to a 2008 study by the Thunderbird School of Global Management.
<http://www.azcentral.com/sports/heatindex/articles/20111029arizona-cardinals-spanish-radio-gabriel-trujillo-rolando-cantu.html>
They're only eclipsed by the next team on the list...

Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys actually have an agreement with Radio Fórmula and air on XEDF FM in Mexico City. I kind of thought they'd have more Mexican affiliates, given that they're the Cowboys and they are one of Mexico's most popular teams. Their popularity can be attributed to being on Canal 5 often when Televisa began NFL telecasts in the 80s (the Steelers and Dolphins are also in the same boat). The Cowboys do have an extensive Spanish-language radio network in the US though.

Pittsburgh Steelers

You have to really look for this one on their website: the Steelers apparently have a contract with Grupo Imagen, and a list on the site (absolutely buried) indicates that 17 Imagen stations carry the Steelers, including Mexico City (90.5), Monterrey, Tijuana, Mexicali and Guadalajara. All but two stations carried Imagen's talk programming (exceptions to that rule: Tijuana 104.5 and Hermosillo 90.7).

San Diego Chargers

The Bolts have radio agreements with stations in Tijuana (Uniradio/XHFG), Mexicali (Radiorama/XE+XHSU) and Ensenada (Audiorama/XHHC). While the Chargers list XHSU, the Cardinals do as well ó I think there may be a conflict here. And yes, they both list the Mexicali XHSU (there's also XHSU Chihuahua Capital). The Chargers are the only team on this list not available in Mexico City, or outside Baja California for that matter.

National games

"NFL Sundays"

<http://domingosdelanfl.com/estaciones>

is the national broadcast product of the NFL. That station list is composed almost entirely of GRC and GRM outlets. This package includes Sunday afternoon games (late window) and Sunday night games.

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TV line item: Shadow XHCNL/XEFB is on air in Saltillo! The analog

station had been intermittently off predating today's digital sign-on. Yes, it's on RF 45 though it is relaying XHCNL, not XEFB. It's not in the RPC. The last station missing in Saltillo is XHRCG.

Last edited by Raymie; 08-17-2015 at 11:19 PM (Raymie, Aug 17, *ibid.*)

News on the FM front:

In the IFT magazine Gaceta IFT, one of the IFT committee members talked

<http://www.cronica.com.mx/notas/2015/915562.html>

about the addition of the new FMs from the 2015 bid. This is the first new FM auction in Mexico in more than 20 years; it includes 191 stations ó including 94 social use and 13 public use allotments ó which represent a 20% increase on the 1,243 existing FM stations. The IFT received 600 applications/declarations of interest.

However, the bigger change on the horizon is the potential change of station spacing from 800 kHz to 400 kHz, and for that we have more to read about from Gabriel Sosa Plata.

<http://www.sinembargo.mx/opinion/18-08-2015/38156>

Things to note:

Opposition to 400 kHz is two-pronged. One group says that short spacing does not work well with HD Radio. The other says that opening up more stations would mean smaller slices of a stagnant radio pie, and thus a potential economic crisis.

The IFT, though, has a study conducted jointly by itself, the Universidad Iberoamericana and the IPN. The participation of Ibero in the study is important. They own XHUIA 90.9 Mexico City, which is one of two non-IMER permit stations to broadcast in HD Radio. They are bookended by XEDA and XHFAJ, each of which also is in HD Radio ó and there's no interference between the stations, according to the study. The IPN also operates a "halfway" station in Mexico City, XHUPC 95.7.

As for the market part, the IFT will likely defend itself by mentioning that all AM stations have the right to move to FM (and of course, in some markets there was not room for that). In fact, Sosa Plata says what I said a while back, that groups with no FM radio stations in an area (e.g. Radiorama, Radio S.A. in Mexico City) should be prioritized in such a process. He also says that the IFT, as the telecom regulator, must defend the rights of the audiences to pluralism in broadcasting and information (Raymie, Aug 18, *ibid.*)

Azteca, which at one point tried to block an apagûn from occurring, has set up a resource page on its website:

<http://www.azteca.com/apagonanalogico>

(Unfortunately the videos are geoblocked, which is kind of unnecessary for this particular topic. It's not a novela you don't have the rights to in the US.) (Raymie, Aug 19, ibid.)

THE TABLES HAVE BEEN UPDATED!

<http://www.ift.org.mx/sites/default/files/contenidogeneral/industria/infraestructurativ14-08-15vf.pdf>

And with them, loads more new authorizations:

XHRCG-30 (31) (FINALLY!)
XHPCH-21 (3.91)
XHVTT-32 (60)
XHSOZ-39 (32)
XHSDD-21 (20) (!= FCC)
XHGCO-39 (.15)
XHTHI-45 (10.32) (Hidalgo state net!)
XHHUH-27 (16.28)
XHIXM-22 (5.88)
XHPAH-42 (44.7)
XHTOH-23 (4.18)
XHMZA-34 (OI) (.114)
XHMHG-34 (.114)
XHMTTC-34 (.114)
XHPRS-27 (OI) (.2)
XHAOX-36 (20)
XHNAC-33 (.036) (also in FCC)
XHYES-39 (.132)
XHFRT-27 (18)
XHVCA-33 (OI) (50)
XHZOT-29 (OI) (25)

No new stations from last month appear here. Those new FMs do show up, though (XHBAJA etc.). Notable items also:

XHTOB (C5 Torre n) has moved from 47 to 26 in the tables. This is a mature market and very surprising. This has to be Televisa thinking repacking. This is not in the RPC.

This list is a full 14 pages longer. Almost every auth for a main station that wasn't a mere "here's your channel assignment" we found since May is in here. That's a very high number of authorizations, and it's impressive.

XHNAC also appears in RabbitEars. Unfortunately they estimate 1 kW for the station, when it comes in at 36 watts. It's a light bulb station (Raymie, Aug 19, ibid.)

Televisa and its local partners have to meet all sorts of requirements specific to their preponderant economic agent status. One is that they have to publish their ad rates online. Another is that they must make their infrastructure available for use by other TV stations or new entrants (e.g. C3).

Then there is XHVS-L. TV Ocho is one of the smallest links in that chain. And it has no room for more equipment on its tower. So now the IFT is going after them for not making available their passive infrastructure. Really?

<http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/articulo/cartera/negocios/2015/08/19/reglas-de-preponderancia-afectan-televisora-de-slp>
(Raymie, Aug 20, ibid.)

** MONGOLIA [and non]. KOREA D.P.R./MONGOLIA, 12015v, Terrible audio mixture noted on 1520-1540 UT tune-in on Aug 14.

12014.987, stronger signal from Kujang KRE, heard Russian language started at 1530-1557? UT - had pause at 1527-1530 UT - or 30 mins later due to new Korean Standard Timing - S=9+10dB level observed in southern Germany, Moscow-Russia, and Tokyo-Japan. And also bad main power delivery, heard BUZZ and visible 8 x 100 Hertz apart distance buzz tone FENCE, each sideband.

12014.875, typical Khonhor, Ulanbataar Mongolia offset of Voice of Mongolia Ulanbataar in Japanese 1500 UT, and English at 1530-1600 UT. Odd frequency fingerprint apart distance, was less-equal signal power level like V of Korea Pyongyang from Kujang site, BBEF transmitters made in China. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B. schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change for Voice of Mongolia effective August 1:

0900-0930 12014.9#U-B 250 kW / 178 deg to SEAs English, ex 11999.9
0930-1000 12014.9#U-B 250 kW / 116 deg to EaAs Mongolian, ex 11999.9
1000-1030 12014.9 U-B 250 kW / 116 deg to EaAs Chinese, ex 11999.9
1030-1100 12014.9 U-B 250 kW / 116 deg to EaAs Japanese, ex 11999.9

co-ch Radio Japan NHK World in Japanese on 12015.0

Full summer A-15 schedule of Voice of Mongolia here.

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-for-voice-of-mongolia.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Very weak signal for Voice of Mongolia Aug. 18, due to Voice of Korea Russian on 12015 was moved at 1430:

1400-1430 on 12014.9 U-B 250 kW / 178 deg to SEAs Chinese

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/very-weak-signal-for-voice-of->

mongolia.html

(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 9575, Radio Mèdi 1 in French Aug 13-14 at 2350, Western pop music, CoccoRosie's "We are fire" before sign-off at 2554, ID by male announcer, and a version of Foreigner's "I want to know what love is" by a singer I don't recognize. SIO 444, until China broadcast hogs with slight co-channel interference came in at 2359 on 9570. Arabic program followed, with Mèdi ID and traditional North African Arabic music. Audible. Listened until 0015 UT. 73s, (Marty Delfin, (Fuencarral-El Pardo district, Madrid, Spain), Roadstar TRA-2350P, telescopic antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MARRUECOS, 9575, Mèdi 1, Nador, 1703-1800, escuchada el 15 de agosto de 2015 en francés y español el programa "Ritmo Latino" por Layla Beyran, presentación y saludo en francés y español "Hola amigos, Ritmo Latino", ID por locutor en español "Ritmo Latino", "La Charanga Moderna los jóvenes del muelle", de 1700 a 1703 boletín de noticias en árabe, música latina, "Cumbia y Reguetón", "...al buen sabor tropical... playa del Carmen... sabor topical, que aprovechen el viaje", tema disco del español "Nacho Cano", 1729 cuota publicitaria, boletín de noticias en francés, "Libia y Argelia, terrorismo, deportes nombrando al tenista español Rafa Nadal", 1704 se reanuda el programa musical, locutor con ID "Ritmo Latino con Layla", tema "Bailaor", compositor "Alex Torres", tema cubano "Cuidense, mi ciudad, mi barrio", SINPO 44444 (José Miguel Romero, Sacañet (Castellón), España Yaesu FRG 7700, Sangean ATS 909, Antena hilo 10 m, dxldyg via DXLD)

9575 Radio Mediterranee I, Nador Morocco is off at 1045 UT today NOON TIME, - again. But Medi remains always later the day. What happens at Nador site? problems of main power lines repair? wb df5sx (Wolfgang B, schel, Aug 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No signal at 1025 UT, Aug. 16 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DXLD)

No signal from Radio Medi 1 on 9575 kHz at 1030 UT, August 16! -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think it's a problem of propagation; I have heard this morning in Arabic at 1035 UT with a poor signal, is practically closed all bands. 73 (José Miguel Romero2, Spain, ibid.)

JRX Logs August 14-15, 2015. ICOM IC-R6 receiver. Portable Telescopic antenna. References: Aoki, EiBi, WRTH & Others. MOROCCO, 9575, 8/15 0030, R. Medi 1, Nador, Arabic service; Time log: 0030-0130; excellent musical program with the best traditional and authentic Arabic Moroccan songs; 0102 YL talks; 0130 musical program continues; good signal and modulation; 45544 (José Ronaldo Xavier (JRX), Cabedelo -

Brazil (UTC-3), condiglista yg via DXLD)

9575, Radio MÈdi 1, Aug. 15. 0859-1010, Lots of atmospheric noise, but still audible with French and Arabic broadcast, Arabic news on hour, French news on half. Usual Western pop and Arabic music, mostly female announcers. Still going after 1010. No signal on 171 LW. 73s (Marty Delfin (Fuencarral-El Pardo district, Madrid, Spain), EtÛn Satellit 750, telescopic, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9575, Radio Medi 1, Aug. 15 is on air at 1125 UT, SINPO 44554, contrary to previous day Aug. 15, no signal after 0730 UT -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, ibid.)

Radio Medi 1 is on air on 9575 at 1415 UT -- 73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio MÈdi 1 is not on air on shortwave 9575, 0900-1600:
till 0900 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to NoAf Arabic/French
0900-1600 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to NoAf no signal several days!
from 1600 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to NoAf Arabic/French

No signal from Radio Medi 1 on 9575 kHz at 0900 UT, August 12!
No signal from Radio Medi 1 on 9575 kHz at 0730 UT, August 13!
No signal from Radio Medi 1 on 9575 kHz at 1130 UT, August 14!
No signal from Radio Medi 1 on 9575 kHz at 1030 UT, August 16!
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/radio-medi-1-is-not-on-air-on-shortwave.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Radio Medi 1 without of break 1300-1600 UT, August 18:
0000-2400 on 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to NoAf Arabic/French.
Contrary to previous day August 17 when no signal 0900-1700.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/radio-medi-1-without-of-break-1300.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. Surprisingly good reception of Myanmar Radio on Aug. 17:
1530-1700 on 5985 YAN 025 kW / 356 deg to SEAs English and Music,
before total co-ch at 1600UT from China Radio Inter and Shiokaze.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/surprisingly-good-reception-of-myanmar.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Carlie Forsythe, one of my intrepid report[er]s to the ODXA DXa Report, noted that the Mighty KBC was missing from its usual midnight to 0300 UTC Sunday spot via Nauen, as I also did. We both checked both 7375 and 9925. The Mighty KBC website and Facebook page does not mention any changes. Does anyone have any info on

whether this was a one off or has there been a change in frequency or time? -- (Mark Coady, Editor, Your Reports Express, Listening In, Ontario DX Association, 0030 UT Aug 17, dxingwithcumbre yg via DXLD)

Thanks to D. Vijaya Krishna Bhat on the CumbreDX Facebook group, the Mighty KBC was noted on 9925 between 0100 and 0130. The band conditions were absolutely crap, however, due to a geomagnetic storm that rendered a couple of ham radio HF contests an exercise in futility so that explains why they were missing. ñ (Mark Coady, Editor, Your Reports Express, 0134 UT Aug 17, ibid.)

They were on the air this past weekend on the usual 9925 kHz. The first hour (0000-0100z) the signal was at the usual S-9 + 20dB, but the second hour (0100-0200z) they had faded down to about S-6 with very deep fading, and by the third hour (0200-0300z) they had faded away completely into oblivion (Nick Rumble, Kannapolis, North Carolina U.S.A., Aug 18, ODXA yg via DXLD)

They were worse than oblivion here in Texas Saturday night (Paul Walker, ibid.)

9925, UT Sun Aug 16 at 0146 check, nothing but a JBA carrier from The ``Mighty`` KBC, 125 kW via GERMANY, as propagation is very degraded: nothing much but US and Cuban signals on 7 and higher bands. WWV reported before and after this:

``Solar-terrestrial indices for 15 August follow.
Solar flux 89 and estimated planetary A-index 44.
The estimated planetary K-index at 0000 UTC on 16 August was 5.
The estimated planetary K-index at 0300 UTC on 16 August was 5.
Space weather for the past 24 hours has been strong.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G3 level occurred.
Space weather for the next 24 hours is predicted to be minor.
Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level are expected``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Frequency change of Radio New Zealand Int in English from Aug 15

1551-1745 7330 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg Cooks/Samoa/Niue/Tonga ex 5975 AM
1551-1835 5975 RAN 025 kW / 035 deg Cooks/Samoa/Niue/Tonga ex 7330 DRM
Full updated A15 summer [sic] SW schedule of Radio New Zealand International is here. Videos on new 7330 kHz will be added today Aug. 17 if there is good propagation

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-radio-new-zealand.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or did they just mix up, reverse the AM and DRM frequencies? (gh)

** NICARAGUA. 8989-USB, "El Pescador Preacher", 2326 religious music at tune in then om with "Gloria de Dios", etc., 9 August (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. NIGERIA GETS FIRST WOMEN'S RADIO STATION
Monday, August 17, 2015 6:28 PM

The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has issued a broadcasting licence to a hospital to run a gender-sensitive radio station. St. Ives Communications has been officially licensed to operate a specialised radio station for women. By the time the radio station is launched and comes on air very soon, it will be the first of its kind in this part of the world.

The initiative is the brainchild of Dr. Tunde Okewale, the chief medical director at St. Ives Specialist Hospital, Lagos and veteran broadcast journalist, Toun Okewale Sonaiya, a director of St. Ives Communications, owners of the radio station.

Dr. Wale, as he is fondly called, was inspired to conceive the idea of a radio station for women having worked and related closely with female clients in his career. This has helped him to understand the plight of Nigerian women and their struggle to be heard.

He felt a need to fill an obvious gap in the Nigerian broadcast industry, our source said. He added that the brains behind the gender-sensitive radio station believe that the initiative will improve the lot of Nigerian woman by the time the station comes on board.

As the radio station prepares to commence operations, it will provide a platform to engage on issues of local, national and international importance for Nigerian women. Its programming will be targeted towards the advancement and social wealth of Nigerian women and their families.

The organisers said that the radio station will provide women with access to high quality, informative and entertaining programming that will cut across business, politics, sports, news and entertainment from the woman's perspective.

It was gathered that the radio station will not only focus on women, but will also cater for the interests of the male gender and the entire family, while highlighting issues that are very important to women. The station will transmit to Nigerian homes on 91.7 FM channel.

The NBC has been giving out broadcasting licences to other new radio stations. Just last month we reported that gospel singer Yinka Ayefele's Fresh FM was approved by the NBC.

Likewise, the Armed Forces radio was recently issued a licence. [107.7 FM in Abuja]

<https://www.naij.com/500995-armed-forces-radio-transmits-live.html>
(via JosÈ Miguel Romero2, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA [non]. 15440, Aug. 15, Manara Radio from Issoudin. 0803-s/o[ff] 0829 Strong signal, with man giving lecture, followed by conversation between two other men. ID at end. 73s (Marty Delfin (Fuencarral-El Pardo district, Madrid, Spain), Etûn Satellit 750, telescopic, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. Dandal Kura, 7415, 0519 19 AUG - (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) in KANURI from ASCENSION ISLAND. SINPO = 15311. ?African Language?, female announcer interviewing rather excited male over the phone. QSB = moderate rate, sometimes below noise floor. Sf 89.0, a 9, k 4, geomag: active. 250 kW, beamAz 55deg, bearing 90deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 11498 km from transmitter at Ascension Island. Local time: 2219 (Rodney Johnson, Las Vegas NV, Aug 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORFOLK ISLAND. MIKE SMITH in Opunake writes: iEmail reports away to R. Norfolk 1566 and Radio Imagen 1710. Will follow up R. Imagen with posted CD of the audio. Already QSL'd Norfolk in 1981 but dropped them a line anyway. Got an iexcitedî email back within two hours from Acting Station Manager Louci Reynolds. Then another one from their contract technician Gary Summerscales.

Radio Norfolk's Contract Technician Gary Summerscales advises that transmitter power on 1566 ihas increased to 100W although it would be closer to 90 as I don't like to drive the amplifier to the limit. The transmitter is a LPB-100 of 1986 vintage. The American company used to make broadcast equipment and specialise in low power broadcast AM transmitters but may be out of business. I recently, probably around 12 months ago, rebuilt the power supply and amplifier, recapping and replacing the output transistors. The amplifier is a 4 module set up, 25W each.

The antenna is still the same from 1970 - that too was taken apart, de-rusted and cold gal painted and moved to the side of the paddock so as to allow 2 satellite tracking dishes a clear view (03B Networks mid earth orbit). Originally there were 120 copper radial wires buried in the ground attached to a copper plate for the ground plane this has been reduced to 32 somewhat shorter multi strand wires ex-

electricity, but now has a really good VSWR (Mike Smith, Aug NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA: Amphetamine Radio, 6925 USB, 2340-0013*, 08-06/07-15, SI0: 343. Tunes by Motorhead, Duran Duran, Old Crow Medicine Show, lots of SSTV images mixed in. Signed off with USA NA.

Captain Morgan, 6925 AM, 0009-0023, 08-09-15, SI0: 232. Program of blues music, ID 0023. [Lobdell-MA]

Cold Country Canada, 6969 USB, 0126-0152*, 08-11-15, SI0: 444. Tunes by Lou Reed, Manfred Mann, Buffalo Springfield, IDed as "Cold Country Canada, The Weakest Station In The Nation". [Lobdell-MA]

XLR8, 6955 USB, 0200-0230+, 08-11-15, SI0: 343. Tunes by The Crucif--ks, The Ex, etc. Usual short X-L-R-8 IDs

PIRATE-NA, Captain Morgan SW, 6950 AM, 0106-0140*, 08-14-15, SI0: 232. Program of blues music, IDs. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA, Cold Country Canada, 6969 USB, 0142-0206+, 08-14-15 SI0: 333. Rock tunes by Eric Clapton, Doobie Brothers, etc. Frequent IDs by OM announcer (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, USA, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter dipole, G5RV, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6955-USB, Aug 15 at 0119, rock music and DJ talking over, S9+5 but plenty of storm noise. Numerous logs here say XLR8 <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,22976.0.html> and all of them are from further east where locations are specified, except maybe Lex somewhere in Texas.

When running the NRD-545 as I normally do at least in the evenings, I am now habitually using the ALA-330S Wellbrook magnetic loop antenna next to it, which seems to perform slightly better than the N-S wire I occasionally switch to for comparison (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6945-USB, Aug 16 at 0136, pirate music, 0140 DJ refers to HF Underground to post your feelings about this. Says he's running a whole new computer after the last one blew up. Exaggerated accent, and finally Radio Free What-Ever ID before back to music, at S9+20 level. No RTTY QRM above or below at the moment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. UNIDENTIFIED, 6962-AM, Aug 16 at 0137, pirate music on much weaker S5 signal than RFWE on 6945-U. 0144 announcement but too much noise level; 0145 Beatles' ``I Wanna Hold Your Hand`` for

which I can't help but imagine an even more adult desire. Six others further east of here also heard this without IDing it:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,22991.0.html>

6962-AM, Aug 17 at 0049, the unID pirate heard last night must be on again via signature split frequency, music around S9 but about the same as storm noise level. 0100 still very poor with music; 0120 sounds better but still reading S9. 0132 now it's stronger on USB, no LSB or carrier detected, but never any announcements yet; 0138 a whistling song; 0139 clip of radio drama, science fiction? And cut to another, ``This was me bad``; now up to S9+25! Very familiar monolog, yes, it's Howard Beal from `Network`, culminating with ``I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!!!``; 0142 cut back to rock music. 0145, ``VIP (?) Radio, burn it down`` and off. Then I check this thread on it, natch, all from further east:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,23015.0.html>

where conclusion was the ID ran ``BID Radio, burn it down``, which I suppose makes more sense (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925.16-AM, Aug 17 at 0050, JBA carrier, again assuming it's the previously IDed elsewhere on signature off-frequency, Liquid Radio. Gone at 0120 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6770-AM, Aug 18 at 0039, very poor S5 signal at best, can tell it's old-time-radio drama from intonation, but never enough to understand anything, unlike for monitors further east. This pirate seems to be on every night, always at least a JBA carrier when I check, even if nothing on the 6.9 MHz band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, Aug 17 at 0112 UT, Mexican music, 6 Hz SAH with nulled KMOX already skywaving in, as I am checking KETU/KEOR Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa, daytimer which the last few days of July I was hearing cutting off automatically a few minutes after official sunset, around 0148 UT. But in August, official FCC sunset for Catoosa is 0115 UT, so will it go off a few minutes after that now? NO! 0118 music sounds Brazilian; 0125 UT still going with music, surge in strength, maybe sunset enhancement, but fading down after 0130. Still NEVER ANY announcements about the music, let alone IDs or ads, just segues at 0124, 0131; still on at 0142, 0147 as KMOX is growing; 0149:16 segue, but cut off the air mid-music at 0151:03.5*, so no essential change since July (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1640, Aug 14 at 0525 UT, 0552 UT and still 0605 UT, KZLS Enid/Hennessey/OKC is in open carrier/dead air. Lost network feed and nobody knows, nobody cares at the station.

This easifies hearing sports talk without even nulling KZLS but with a moderately fast SAH, no doubt from WTNI Biloxi MS, which last year's NRC AM Log affiliated with both ESPN and CBS Sports; and from that signal, we continue to suspect 10 kW day power instead of 1 kW night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 91.7, Aug 13 at 1506-1510.4 UT, dead air from KOSU instead of 'On Point'. These lapses happen far too often. Their automation / computer programming too unreliable, and need human to oversee it constantly (in which case who needs the automation, anyway?) (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KOSN below

** OKLAHOMA. 92.1, Aug 15 at 1928 UT, KAMG-LP local in Enid is always in mono Spanish, now frenzied ME-sounding music with lots of drumming, but lyrics include ``tu gloria, ascienda'', so it's just Christian, evidently with Moorish influence. I think it's a satellator, plugged into some non-local service, altho like so many LPFMs it initiated at a local church (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 97.5, August 14 at 0528 UT, KMOD Tulsa is on top, but the understation is also playing music, not Art Bell, i.e. KPAK Alva, which was on Bell's inaugural affiliate list --- and still is as of UT Aug 15, listed twice under OK and KS, but we've yet to hear a bit of Art on 97.5: No 'Midnight [sic] in the Desert' here except on SW: see also U S A: WBCQ and WTWW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 105.7, Aug 13 at 1458-1500 UT, I'm monitoring KRDR Alva for any ID during ESPN programming; seems ESPN allows about 10 seconds around 1459:30 for local IDs, but just silence, no WMBH mentioned either (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 106.5, August 14 at 0548 UT, I find a station with music title and performer on the scrolling RDS display, certainly one of its capabilities, but rarely employed by stations around here: ``NO DUDES DE MI LOS INQUIETOS DEL NORTE''. Of course for DX purposes we'd rather have continuous IDs! But I get one audibly right away by a super-hype voice actor, ``Radio Lobo, Arkansas City - Wichita''.

It's weird that the two main Spanish FM stations around here are on adjacent frequencies, i.e. 106.7, KTUZ, La Zeta, from Okarche OK (home of a proto-saint) with 13 kW at 292 m, 75 km or 47 miles city-to-city; in Enid it's quite weaker than 106.5, KYQQ, Arkansas City, 100 kW at 390 m, 105 km or 66 miles C-to-C --- but it's really about 25 miles further to acercate it to Wichita, or close to twice as far as KTUZ. (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Dear KOSU Listener, A radio broadcast is something that

can easily be taken for granted until there is a major problem. Unfortunately, our northeastern Oklahoma, southeastern Kansas, southwestern Missouri, and northwestern Arkansas listeners know all too well what can happen when lightning strikes. After an evening thunderstorm on Tuesday July 21, the KOSN 107.5 transmitter went off-air the following day, and did not return until Saturday, August 15th. For three and a half weeks, listeners in this area were without the news, the music and the craftily curated programming we have all grown to love and support.

Total repair costs came out to just over \$47,000 - roughly \$9,700 in parts, and \$37,500 in labor. If you would like to donate to the repair fund to help cover the costs, [CLICK HERE](#).

Tower climbers ride steel cables with more than 70 feet of replacement feed line. Climbers would splice the new line with the undamaged line at the 950 foot level. The heat index that day was 107 degrees. KOSU engineers Dan Schroeder and Bob Buford supervised their work at ground level. [caption]

I know I speak for all of us who work and volunteer at KOSU when I say thank you to the members who stepped up and made a special donation towards the tower repair campaign. In addition, a HUGE thanks goes to the KOSU engineers who took weeks out of their summer schedules to work tirelessly towards getting the tower repaired and a signal back on the air. Even our slogan around the office became have you hugged an engineer today?

You can view a full report and timeline of the repairs, along with a slideshow, on our dedicated Tulsa 107.5 FM Signal Outage webpage. <http://kosu.org/post/1075-fm-outage-retrospective#stream/0>
Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions. And again, thank you for listening and supporting KOSU.

Best Regards, (Mairead Todd, Membership Specialist, 405-896-4323 (OKC) 405-744-9972 (Stillwater), Aug 17 via DXLD) Viz.:

The 107.5 FM Outage: A Retrospective
By Kelly Burley i Aug 17, 2015
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Tower climbers ride steel winch cables with more than 70 feet of replacement feed line. Climbers would splice the new line with the undamaged line at the 950 foot level. The heat index that day was 107 degrees.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude to KOSU's engineering team for the blood, sweat and tears that they poured into this fix. KOSU is very fortunate to benefit from the expertise and dedication of Ken Boyd, Dan Schroeder and Bob Buford. They are tireless champions for public who work behind the scenes to bring our audio broadcasts and digital streams to 100,000 weekly listeners. I've told both Dan and Bob that it's time to catch up on life, and hopefully KOSN will cooperate.

This represents the third major outage of 107.5 FM caused by lightning at the KOSN tower site near Nowata, OK since I became station director in 2007. Consultants have told us that we have adequate lightning suppression systems in place on the tower. However, we will revisit this issue to determine what else might be done to prevent future damage from lightning. Already, our parts bill for this fix stands at more than \$9,700 and labor will top \$35,000, and it is unclear at this time whether the total bill will be enough for the university's insurance policy to kick in.

These unplanned expenses are particularly difficult for us as we juggle the demands of creating and curating the best that public radio has to offer with the needs of reliably delivering said content. This outage exposes a significant weakness in KOSU's broadcast infrastructure. Our lack of redundancy at 107.5 FM can result in significant disruptions of broadcast services when a serious technical issue arises, and that is unacceptable. At the very least, we must purchase a back-up antenna and feed line system, and ultimately, a back-up transmitter that we can turn to when our primary system fails. Such a system will cost as much as \$200,000 and we will pursue a strategy to begin building this redundancy as money allows.

Finally, I want to thank the dozens of listeners who have contributed specifically to KOSU so far to help offset the costs to repair the lightning damage at KOSN. All of us are moved by the response from this passionate group of public radio listeners. To each of you, we are so very grateful that you choose to spend part of your week with KOSU-KOSN and we will do everything we can to improve your listening experience with us. - Kelly Burley, KOSU Director

If you would like to donate specifically for the more than \$45,000 in tower repairs, you can do so [here](#). Thank you. Below is a retrospective from KOSU engineering consultant Dan Schroeder:

A radio broadcast is something that can easily be taken for granted until there is a major problem. Unfortunately, our northeastern Oklahoma listeners know all too well what can happen when lightning strikes. After a thunderstorm on Tuesday July 21, 2015, KOSU Chief Engineer Ken Boyd could not get the KOSN 107.5 transmitter to continue

transmitting at about 2:30 p.m. that day. Staff engineering consultants Bob Buford and I checked the transmitter readings at the tower site near Nowata, Oklahoma that same evening and determined a severe antenna system fault had occurred and operation would not be possible until tower climbers could inspect for damage at the 1,000 foot level of the tower.

On Friday July 24, climbers with the PCI Tower Company inspected the antenna at the 900-1,000 foot levels and discovered that the 4½ diameter feed line that connects the antenna to the transmitter suffered a lightning strike and subsequent burnout at about the 950 foot level. The internal fire produced smoke and soot that went up into the antenna. At that time we believed it went only a few feet.

Nearly 1,000 feet above ground, the working environment on the KOSN antenna and feed line is both lofty and dangerous [caption]

Boyd was lucky to find a short 71+ foot long piece of replacement feed line and have it shipped across country to the site. Since the internal line fire damaged the \$1500 connector just 12½ above the lightning hit, a new connector was ordered. The old connector is obsolete and parts are not available. The replacement line with connector was hoisted up to the 900 foot level and installed on a low wind day.

The new line checked out and showed a perfect connection to the antenna. Unfortunately the climber's technician saw the antenna via the new line on his instruments and it indicated the antenna itself had problems. The climbers disassembled a few parts of the antenna and found only some black soot from the fire. Tower climbers brought those parts down to the ground because it is impossible to properly disassemble and clean the antenna parts (with the soot damage shown below on the white insulator) with alcohol when working 1,000 feet in the air.

A view from the tower climber at roughly 950 feet above ground [cap]

We discovered that trying to piecemeal clean the antenna parts was not an efficient use of our climber's time. We elected to take the entire antenna down to the ground for a thorough inspection and cleaning in a much more methodical manner in a controlled environment where KOSU staff and contract employees could properly supervise all aspects of the cleaning. This took two days.

After reassembly on the tower the antenna did not perform as well as it should have on the test gear. We ordered and shipped in overnight a \$750 kit of tuning parts to make it more efficient on KOSN's frequency. That took another day, but the antenna was working better

than ever (on test gear). The climbing crew left.

About 1 p.m. on Friday August 14, we were ready to begin broadcasting again. We soon heard a crackling noise coming from the area of the \$5,500 tube inside the transmitter. We immediately shut it down and inspected. We found that the antenna burnout caused an enormous amount of power reflected back into the tube area. Luckily, the tube was not damaged, but the 16 inch plate that holds it in place burned off part of the silver plated finger stock that must make a high power connection to the aluminum box it sits in.

Parts (\$950) were delivered overnight and installed and we resumed broadcasting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

- Dan Schroeder, KOSU Engineering Consultant

If you would like to donate specifically for the more than \$45,000 in tower repairs, you can do so here. Thank you (via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 107.7, Aug 14 at 0550, checking the RDS of KRXO OKC: this one is not scrolling, but rather ragged:

_107.7__ / THE_____ / FRANCHIS / E_____

(Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. The RF 29 KTUZ Shawnee (= OKC} transmitter carries three Spanish channels with widely divergent PSIPs in an attempt to appear competitive. 48-1 with Estrella TV, 36-1 with Univisi n, and the original 30-1 with Telemundo. Except a few days ago, altho unlogged, I noticed two of them were displaying differently: 36-2 and 48-3, but now Aug 19, back to all showing up as -1; why?

RF 29, Aug 19 at 2155 UT, Estrella TV subchannel of KTUZ, OKC market, virtual 48-1 is black and silent, but still transmitting with PSIP as KUOK-CD; its other channels 36-1 and 30-1 are nominal. Next check about an hour later, Estrella back in biz too (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, August 14 at 0023, very poor S3 signal in Qur'an, no doubt RSO here instead of missing 9500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Three minutes "bonus" of Radio Sultanate of Oman on August 14
1357-1400 on 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg to WeEu English relay 90.4FM
1400-1500 on 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg to WeEu English as scheduled
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/three-minutes-bonus-of-radio-sultanate.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9740, Aug 17 at 0107, Arabic music, poor about S6, and not on 9500 or 15140, so presumed RSO extended the ``22-24 UT`` channel.

9500, Aug 18 at 0054, R. Sultanate of Oman on correct frequency tonight, Qur'an at S9+10.

9740, Aug 19 at 0229, ME music, presumed RSO on the frequency registered for 22-24 UT only. Must have collided with Iran which is legit on 9740 at 0120-0220 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Weak reception of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on August 14 from 1640 on 7265 ISL 100 kW / non-dir to SoAs Urdu and Kashmiri <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/weak-reception-of-azad-jammu-and.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan in Urdu from 1330 is on new 15700, instead of scheduled 15485. -- 73! Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of PBC Radio Pakistan, August 15:
1404 & 1420 NF 15700 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg to N/ME Urdu, ex 15485
Transmission is scheduled 1330-1530, but today was till 1430UT
On 15700 is registered also CRI in English via Quivican, Cuba.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-pbc-radio-pakistan.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) CRI/Cuba is all we can hear here (gh, OK, DXLD)

PBC Radio Pakistan back to scheduled frequency August 17:
from 1400 on 15485 ISL 250 kW / 282 deg to N/ME Urdu, instead of 15485 on Aug. 15 [you mean, instead of 15700 --- gh] Transmission is scheduled A-15 from 1330 to 1530, but today again was till 1430 UT.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/pbc-radio-pakistan-was-back-to-its.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION JOINS DRM CONSORTIUM
http://www.abu.org.my/Latest_News-@-Pakistan_Broadcasting_Corporation_Joins_DRM_Consortium.aspx

According to Digital Radio Mondiale public broadcaster Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) is the latest member to join the DRM Consortium.

PBC programs consist of music, features and plays meant to entertain listeners while also educating its overseas audiences about Pakistani culture, government and the world. The PBC broadcasts in 23-different state-recognized languages 24-hours a day.

îThe Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation is interested in introducing the latest digital technologies for the benefit of the Pakistani listeners. As such we are happy to join the DRM Consortium as we are embarking on the modernization and digitization of our infrastructures.î Syed Imran, Director-General of PBC said.

DRM Chairman Ruxandra Obreja, welcomes PBC to the DRM Consortium and sees this as a serious commitment of PBC to the latest radio technologies like the DRM standard and a chance for the DRM Consortium to strengthen its position in Asia and to learn more from an important market like Pakistan.î (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, Aug 13, DXLD)

** PARAGUAY [and non]. [Re 15-32, Deliberate Detuning] --- The big question is: do they still do this? And if they do, why aren't those detunings noticed by DXers in Europe or North America? Could you please ask him, which specific stations still do that and at what time they usually detune? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Decades ago, especially in the 1970's, many small Central American operations, as well as a host of stations in Ecuador and a few ones in Paraguay, were logged on split frequencies ending in 5. I believe the WRTH frequency lists compiled by ARC members were reasonably accurate at the time.. When travelling through Latin America in 1987 on a WRTH mission I found no deliberate splits in the major capitals. (Klemetz, Latin America by Radio, pp. 74-90). (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

But those were continuous, not just detuning at night (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 4747.48, Per', Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 1039 sign on with om announcements on 6 August. This seems the sign on time for the last few weeks (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, Radio Logos, 0945 with om preachers, recheck at 1026 OA music. Hash on the high side of the signal seemed absent this morning 13 August (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, Per', Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 1035 ending of the National Anthem, strong signal in conversation between yl and om to 1050, 4 August (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980. R. CHASKI, 13/8 0058 UT. Himnos protestantes en interpretaciones instrumentales, ID: îRed Radio Integridadî con hora local e informaciones con saludos a los oyentes, luego un devocional. SINPO: 55444.

5980. R. CHASKI, 17/8 0009 UT. ID como: ``Red Radio Integridad`` y luego himnos protestantes antiguos como: ``Firmes y adelantes``, et al. hasta las 0020, cuando comienza el programa: `Los Grandes Temas`, producido por Radio Transmundial. SINPO: 45444 (Claudio Galaz, RX: REALISTIC DX-160, ANT: 30 metros de antena de hilo, m-s 20 metros de antena de tierra y bal'n de ferrita 3:1, QTH: Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

``Firmes y Adelantes`` = ``Onward, Christian Soldiers`` --- I wonder why so unliteral a translation, instead of ``Adelante, Soldados Cristianos``?? Well, a matter of meter, at least, matching six syllables instead of eleven (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

5980, Aug 17 at 0056, JBA carrier from R. Chaski, traces of modulation, until autocutoff at 0105:27.5*, which is 41 seconds later than 7 days ago until 0104:46.5*, averaging 5.86 seconds later per, right on schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. MOLDOVA. Strong reception of Radio Payem e-Doost: 1800-1845 on 7480 KCH 500 kW / 116 deg to WeAs Persian Maybe same tx relay Denge Kurdistan 1900-2100 on 11600! <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/strong-reception-of-radio-payem-e-doost.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Good reception of Pirate Comintern Radio 1618-1748 on 6990, August 12 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/good-reception-of-pirate-comintern.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

Aug 12:
Comintern Radio, songs 1617 on 6990.0
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrmKBdz3d5A&feature=youtu.be>

Comintern Radio, songs 1650 on 6990.0
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeRdLB3wltM&feature=youtu.be>

Comintern Radio, songs 1746 on 6990.0
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MW7LonSPxk&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now at 1816 UT (Aug 16) on 7050 kHz LSB here in Romania I can receive at least one station (possible two) broadcasting Russian patriotic music. Sounds like Comintern Radio (Tudor Vedeanu, (Gura Humorului, Romania), dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

**** RUSSIA [and non]. HOW TO BEAT VLADIMIR PUTIN IN THE BATTLE FOR
HEARTS AND EYEBALLS**

Peter Pomerantsev August 4, 2015 7:16 pm Financial Times

The west is belatedly waking up to the power of the Kremlin's media machine. The supreme commander of Nato called the annexation of Crimea the most amazing information warfare blitzkrieg we have ever seen. Zhanna Nemtsova blames the climate of hate created by Kremlin propaganda for the murder of her father, opposition politician Boris Nemtsov.

The Soviet empire may be gone but the Kremlin still has media hegemony over 142m Russian citizens and an estimated 93m elsewhere in the former USSR for whom Russian is a first or second language (plus as many as 3m in Germany). A project by the European Endowment for Democracy, a Brussels foundation of which I was an author sought ways to tackle this challenge. We soon found differences between the situation today and the in cold war.

In the 20th century the job of western Russian language media such as the BBC World Service or Radio Free Europe was to break through the information iron curtain. The battle was for alternative points of view and against censorship. Today television is strictly controlled by the Kremlin, though there is access to other media online. Russian speakers in Ukraine, Moldova and the Baltics or the groups of most immediate concern to US and European policymakers worried about Moscow stirring unrest or have access to a plethora of Kremlin, local and western media, each offering strikingly contradictory versions of reality. . . [more]

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/1680e214-35f6-11e5-bdbb-35e55cbae175.html>

The writer is a senior fellow at the Legatum Institute and author of 'Nothing Is True and Everything Is Possible' (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

**** RWANDA.** Gnter Jacob in Passau, Germany always drops into the mailbox with precision timing. The postal strike is over, but not the heatwave: we have 'Sahara Days in Bavaria' with predictions up to 40 degrees centigrade during coming days. After a reminder, Deutsche Welle verified my report of 28 March on 6040 kHz, but my special request to give the station, Kigali - last day on air, was not added. I have regularly been listening - and reporting - to Deutsche Welle since 1955, but 60 years later my humble request was regrettably not fulfilled (Aug NZ DX Times via DXLD)

**** SAUDI ARABIA.** 1521.0, Aug 19 at 0240, carrier hitting KOKC OKC, which has got to be the 2-megawatt BSKSA Duba transmitter in the NW corner, the #1 beacon for trans-Atlantic MW DX conditions; WRTX shows sked is 15-03 UT, which seems strange, except they obviously find it

worth running only during night hours.

From mid-August, the ``season`` is supposedly back for us. Can't pull any audio on 1521 or detect anything on 1566 or 1512 (Glenn Hauser, OK, NRD-545, ALA-1530S [but I can also hear the 1521/1520 het merely on the DX-398 with ferrite]. City-to-city air distance Duba to Enid: 11437 km = 7107 statute miles or 18.77 feet per watt (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The WRTH has listed Duba for a long time on 594 kHz with 2 megawatts on air at 0300-1500. Could this be the daytime frequency [better groundwave propagation] and 1521 kHz the nighttime frequency 1500-0300 [better skywave propagation]? (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So it seems (gh)

** SAUDI ARABIA. One of the - NINE - old 500 kW beasts heard again from BSKSA Riyadh today on odd frequency fingerprint 17614.975 kHz Holy Quran program, S=9+10 in Germany, at 0900 UT on Aug 14.

On exact 17805.000 kHz BSKSA Riyadh's 1st program in Arabic, S=9+30dB at 0910 UT on Aug 14.

11934.965, odd frequency, another old 500 kW beast, still in service, BSKSA Holy Quran service prayer at 1120 UT on Aug 14, S=6-7 poor signal into southern Germany (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13774.962, BSKSA Riyadh's Urdu service, S=9+15dB sidelobe signal heard in southern Germany, scheduled 1200-1457 UT. Logged at 1440 UT on Aug 19. Endless feature reading. wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, Stuttgart, Germany, Aug 19, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, i(Have logged) Serbia 6100 on the station's final week of shortwave broadcasting - they used the Radio Serbia name rather than International Radio Serbia and I wondered if this was a dig by the announcers to the fact that their international voice was being silenced`` (Aug NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, Radio Hargeisa, Hargeisa, 1840-1901*, 17-08, 12-08, vernacular, comments, East African music. 23222 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lugo and Reinante, Grundig Satellit 500, Tecsun PL-880, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 8 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120-, Aug 13 at 1328, JBA AM carrier amid the hams, presumed R. Hargeisa, longpath trace during what should be English segment on signature off-frequency slightly to the low side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120.00, 1845-1855 14.8, SOM, R Hargeisa, Hargeisa, Somaliland. Somali discussion, 42433. Heavy HAM QRM AP-DNK Best 73, (Anker Petersen, heard in Skovlunde, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030 PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, wbradio yg via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9370, August 17 at 0534, Brother Scare on good signal but deep fades, yet the SS0B, better than WRMI 9395, 9955, as WWRB is once again running the day frequency thru the night.

9370, Aug 19 at 0227, double audio from Brother Scare via WWRB as he is giving contact info on at least one of them (which he spends an awful lot of time doing, spelling out M-I-N-I-S-T-R-Y and other difficult words for his brain-dead psychophants), presumably a mixup at studio; by the time I tune to // 3185 it's cleared up. Anyhow, day frequency 9370 is again running into the night, but maybe not overnight as it's AWOL when it should be on at next check, 1415 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11580, WRMI Radio Miami Int'l (presumed); 2104, 19-Aug; Bro HyStairical said, "The great falling away is upon us." Could this be a reference to Rev. Barbi?

11825, WRMI Radio Miami Int'l; 2048-2100+, 19-Aug; Bro. HyStairical with a usual uplifting, inspirational tirade, ragging on the sad state of gov't & everything else; "God said, "I am sorry I created man.""; "America is on the verge of extinction." B.S. got tongue-tied & created the words, "humanisty" & "sestablishment". He even managed to work in a bit about the killing of the lion Cecil. WRMI spot at 2059 & back into B.S. S20 peaks; abrupt sound quality changes -- sounding like a spliced-together program (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 65 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. [Re 15-32:] LA PLATAFORMA EN DEFENSA DE LA ONDA CORTA, FINALISTA DE UN PREMIO POR SU LABOR
<http://www.farodevigo.es/mar/2015/08/13/plataforma-defensa-onda-corta-finalista/1295272.html>

Hola, Seg'n nos han informado, la decisi n se har  p blica en rueda de prensa el pr ximo 9 de septiembre. Esperamos que asista a la misma un representante de la AER, una de las organizaciones sociales que fundaron la Plataforma. Un saludo ((Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, COORDINADOR GENERAL, ASOCIACI N ESPA OLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER), <http://aer.org.es/> Aug 13, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. Is Radio Exterior de Espa a external service back? Dear Mr.

Hauser: I've been reading the DX Listening Digest for long but as I'm not a very active DXer, never thought of sending anything that would help. Well, after some months it seems REE is back not only in Spanish, It seems there is not transmitter-off at 2200 UT, as right now the program continued with External Service in Arabic and at 2230 in English on 15450, 15490, 17715 and 17855 kHz. I m not sure if that's a mistake, but it's strange. As I'm only 50 km far from the TX, the program is well received at the Twente SDR Radio. Cheers! (Justino Losada G mez, Getafe, Madrid, 2237 UT Aug 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, Justino! Yes, there it is here too, best on 17855 in English at 2248, item about a gay pride parade; also audible on 17715 and 15490 but not audible on 15450 which is always weakest here anyway until 2200. Hard to imagine it accidentally doing this on all four transmitters. Stay tuned! (Glenn Hauser, 2252 UT Aug 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Follow-up:

After notifying the Group before it's over, back to the dials, but this time on the FRG-7 with too much noise from local devices. 17855 is best at 2259 with vocal music; 2300 timesignal and sign-off announcement in Spanish: I can't copy details, but it sounds like the standard one with the full frequency schedule in Spanish only. Back to IS past 2304 on 17855, while 17715 and 15450 are carriers only; now I'm on the porch with PL-880 and less noise. At 2305, 17855 also cuts to open carrier and all three are slow to turn off before I do as it starts to sprinkle. Whether the extension of an hour with Arabic and English remains, is to be heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Additional broadcasts of Radio Exterior de Espa a on shortwave in Arabic & English from August 17. Full updated A15 schedule is here <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/04/radio-exterior-de-espana.html> (via Justino Losada G mez, Getafe, Madrid, Spain, August 17, via DXLD) 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx for crediting our source, but despite our caveat, Ivo jumps to the conclusion that this is a permanent change rather than one-off, which it has proved to be so far (as of Aug 22 even). Perhaps he will have amended the blog entry by the time you read it (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17855 > 17715, following yesterday's surprise appearance of Arabic at 2200 and English at 2230 via all four REE frequencies, I'm all set for a repeat on August 18. At 2200 TS and IS, and standard Spanish closing frequency schedule, more IS till 2205 and open carrier for a while longer. So Aug 17 was a fluke or experiment, but if it can happen once, it can happen again.

17855, Aug 19 at 2200, REE is signing off again in Spanish rather than extending an hour for Arabic & English as happened Aug 17 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Aug 17 at 0114, JBA carrier; can make out some SLBC music after 0115 but not the mistimesignal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Aoki Nagoya list seems wrong, Sudan 9505 entry registration. noted today 11-12 UT slot too - at least on Saturday, Aug 15, Omdurman Al Aitahab. S=9+10dB signal in Italy. Time bips end and ID Omdurman at 1200:48 UT - seconds too late. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably also enhanced by G3 level geomagnetic storm. 73, MR (Mauno Ritola, Finland, ibid.)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, Paramaribo, 0940 to 0955 first noted on 7 August after about a two months absence; similar 0950 on 9 August, 0945-1000 seemingly Dutch om, weak never, a good signal here. 13 August (Robert Wilkner, Pûmpano Beach, South Florida, 746Pro, Drake R8, NRD 525, Sony 2010XA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Thanks Daniel Wyllyans!

** SWITZERLAND. SWISS YOUTH PROJECT WILDMOUNTAIN RADIO

<http://wildmountain.ch>

will be active on mediumwave 1566 kHz AM (ex-Beromuenster) from 24 till 27 September 2015. Swiss regulator BAKOM has licenced this operation for a 1 kW transmitter and an inverted vee dipole. Location of studio and transmitter is Wildberg, Kanton Zurich, Switzerland. 73 (Harald Kuhl, Germany, Aug 18, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** SYRIA. eQSL from Spanish section of Radio Damascus

1 Files 53KB JPG eQSL Radio Damascus from Spanish section.jpg

Radio Damascus 783 kHz verified an electronic follow up, including original recording as mp3-audio file, with f/d eQSL accompanied by friendly message in two days. V/S: Amalia Puga. Mrs Puga says that due to "the difficult situation of the country" (this appears to me as an euphemism) short wave transmissions were suspended and that programmes can be followed on Facebook. She also says that for the time being reception reports are verified only by eQSL.

It should be mentioned that my follow up was sent to the Spanish section of Radio Damascus (address: radiodamasco@gmail.com) as my original report was about listening of a programme in Spanish over 30 years ago, on 5th July 1984. If my memory doesn't fail, at that time, just as today, shortwave transmissions from Syria were unavailable and the only opportunity to listen to a programme in a foreign language was on home service medium wave frequency of 783 kHz which Radio

Damascus used late in the night also to air its Spanish programme (Antonello Napolitano, Taranto. South of Italy, Aug 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Illustrates Omayyad Mosque ñ yes, 31 years after reception (gh)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 7445, RTI, 8/11, 1115. Unusually good, but began degrading after BoH. CNR1 jammer on early (1147) at quadruple the strength of RTI (Rick Barton, Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Some SOH program outlets in Chinese (many times Mao Tse Tung mentioned...) from Taiwan noted on Tokyo remote SDR unit logged around 1200-1220 UT on Aug 14.

Strongest reception on 9359.955 kHz, but also on 9230.130, poor tiny 9255.082, and weak signal 9320.088 kHz.

7200.007, Small audio band MUFFLED signal, likely SOH Taiwan broadcast, S=6 at 1310 UT on Aug 14. Endless political speech; in Chinese. Nothing noted of Myanmar Burmese service today.

7600.022, SOH from Taiwan, poor S=6 signal at 1321 UT on Aug 14, in Chinese. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. New religious service has been started, wrote Sei-ichi Hasegawa:

1100-1200 on 9625vTNN 250 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese E-Bible Fellowship

But at same time and frequency T8WH Angel 4 Palau relay Radio Japan NHK A-15

1115-1200 on 9625 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs in Indonesian Radio Japan NHK

Very strong co-ch according to recordings of IBB Monitoring in Hanoi/Jakarta

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/new-religious-e-bible-fellowship-has.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of new religious service E-Bible Fellowship from Aug.

15: 1100-1200 NF 9690vTNN 250 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese, ex 9625v, to avoid NHK

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-new-religious.html> (Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. Here are my latest loggings from Skovlunde on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire:

4765.00, *2300-0040 8+9.8, Tajik R 1, Yangiyul March, Tajik ann, song by mens choir, talk over string folkmusic, 34233, QRM R Progreso, Cuba, fading in at 0030 AP-DNK (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TUVALU. 621, Radio Tuvalu, 0836, poor with local music in partial null of cochannel ABC. 17 July (David Sharp, NSW via Bob Wilkner, DXSF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Russia ----- UKRAINE
http://www.ukrinform.ua/rus/news/v_mininformpolitiki_skazali_kakie_smi_rabotayut_na_donbasse_1773032

Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine is making consistent efforts to support and expand the presence of the Ukrainian mass media on the territory of Donetsk and Lugansk regions.

This is a comment Ukrinform reported by the Deputy Minister of Information Policy of Ukraine Tatyana Popova.

"As state television, after three months of successful work of our lawyers made an order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated July 22, 2015 ? 778-p" On the allocation of funds for the restoration and distribution of the national broadcasting system in the Donetsk, Luhansk and Sumy regions " which were allocated for the purchase of feeders and antennas. It gives us an opportunity to include UT1 and DonTRK powerful transmitters on the territory of the Donetsk region and LugTRK in the Lugansk region "!

- She said.

Popov said that negotiations with the private channels, in particular, reached an agreement with respect to the purchase channel ?RTA of additional equipment and the ability to pay for the electricity for the broadcasts in the area of ??the ATO and the adjacent areas.

The deputy minister also said Ukrainian media have already presented in the information space of Donbass.

According to her words, the broadcast Donetsk 1 + 1, EspressoTV, 5 channel power transmitter and DonTRK and TRC "Ukraine" - on weaker transmitters.

"Ukrainian broadcasting in the Luhansk region presented at 1431 kHz (19:00 to 23:00) LV1 (international service), 104,8 FM - ' Russian Radio Ukraine ^, 100,6 FM - ' Pulse "with news of Donbass and the Public Radio "Radio Liberty", and in Donetsk region - 1431 kHz (19:00 to 23:00) LV1 (international service), 96,5 FM- 'Radio 24" with the

news of the Public Radio of Donbass, 97,0 FM - 'Russian radio Ukraine
a, 103,1 FM - ' Lux Radio / Radio 24 ", - said Popov.

(via Moscow Information DX Bulletin, A weekly electronic publication,
#956, August 11, 2015, The editor of the current issue: Alexander
Dementyev, via RUsDX Aug 16 via DXLD) See also CRIMEA

** U K. Test transmissions of BABCOCK
0815-0950 on 15470 via Woofferton, Aug 14
1040-1120 on 15470 via Woofferton, Aug 12
0800-0946 on 15470 via Woofferton, Aug 11
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/test-transmission-of-babcock-on-august.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17,
2015, via DXLD)

BABCOCK test again Aug. 14 from 0815 UT on 15470 Woofferton

Test transmissions of BABCOCK 0815-0950 on 15470 via Woofferton, Aug.
14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/test-transmission-of-babcock-on-august.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Test transmission of BABCOCK, Aug. 17 at 0845 UT on 15330 Woofferton
and continues at 0900 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, ibid.)

Test transmissions of BABCOCK 0845-0955, 15330 via Woofferton, Aug. 17
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/test-transmissions-of-babcock.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. For those of us who are old enough to remember
August 14th is always important as many great radio stations had to
close when the Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967 became
law. Millions would agree that the greatest of the stations was
Wonderful Radio London on 266 metres. 48 years ago - Monday August
14th 1967.... iBig L time is three o'clock, and Radio London is now
closing down." ---- we will never forget:
<http://www.radiolondon.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287728211787>
(Mike Terry, Aug 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Mike. While I totally understand and agree with your comments, I
can also understand how our parents' generation may have considered us
shallow for making such a big thing of that date in 1967. Many of them
remember the same date in 1945, when Emperor Hirohito announced his
decree to surrender over the radio in Japan, marking the end of World
War II. (It was actually broadcast at 12 noon Japan Standard Time on

August 15th, but in North America it was still the evening of August 14th.) I know that in Europe, we tend to commemorate VE Day more, but here in the U.S., the commemoration of the end of the war in the Pacific, and the end of global hostilities, is just as important, if not more so. I must admit, I was well into middle age before I even realized that World War II ended on 14th August, 1945, but from then on, my remembrance of MOA day has always been tempered with the more sobering thoughts of what 'The Greatest Generation' went through on our behalf.

70 years ago - Tuesday August 14th, 1945 ---- we may not have personal memories of the date and the horrors that preceded it, but still, we will never forget (Ray Robinson, CA, dxldyg via DXLD See also MUSEA: BBC WWII

** UNITED NATIONS [non]. ITALY/ROMANIA, IRRS Shortwave relay United Nations News, instead of Radio City:
1800-1900 7290 TIG 150 kW / 290 deg WEu English Fri August 14, videos
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/irrs-shortwave-relay-united-nations_15.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD) For whole hour?

ITALY/ROMANIA, IRRS Shortwave relay Radio City as scheduled in A-15:
0800-0900 9510 TIG 150 kW / 290 deg WEu English Sat, August 15
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/irrs-shortwave-relay-radio-city-as.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. or HAWAII(?), 3326-USB // 6066-USB // 6501-USB // 8764-USB, "US Coast Guard HF Voice," 1043, August 14. California coast weather forecast; 6501-USB extremely distorted audio. Is rare that I catch these strange transmissions; 6501 & 8764 are of course their usual/scheduled frequencies, while the others are just some type of rare anomalies. At 1224 noted 6501-USB // 8764-USB, without hearing the other frequencies (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6180, Aug 13 at 0040, no signal from KBUF 1030 x 6. I wonder what caused this extremely distorted harmonic to emanate before, and if they deliberately fixed it or just a fluke? Nor circa 1315 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1786, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, Aug 14 at 0047 after 6220 has cut power, I check again for the sixth harmonic extremely distorted of KBUF Garden City KS 1030, and there it is, modulation peaking at S6, and somewhat more readable by slope/side tuning around 6179. First time heard since initial catch, but don't stay with it as I am sure what it is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. UNIDENTIFIED. 6220.0-AM, August 13 at 0041, another try for

this tantalizing unID, this time definitely Mexican music, and fair signal peaking S9+20, and soon canned ID by OM as ``escucha La Ranchera, mil 300 (Û 600??)``', then another number by a YL voice, back to music, but signal drops drastically to S8 at 0043:33 or so, same music still barely audible.

6220 cannot be an harmonic of any (even) MW frequency, so that's out. However, the signal drops circa 0045 smack of a standard sunset powerdown of a US MW station. Visually searching thru the NRC AM Log on 1300 and 1600 I don't find a single ``La Ranchera`` slogan; nor from MÉxico in Cant', IRCA Log or WRTH, so dead ends there too. Maybe I didn't hear the frequency correctly. Still suspect a pirate relay. Must start monitoring earlier than 0030 for further clues. Rechecking hfunderground.com, searching entire site, no reports this year of anything on 6220; nor at freeradiocafe.com (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1786, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Circa 2140 UT August 13, with figures swirling around in my head, I am suddenly hit by inspiration, a likely explanation for the 6220 unID I have been hearing last few evenings: a mixture between a US shortwave station and a mediumwave station at the same site: AFAIK, this could apply only to WBCQ (with WXME 780) and WWCR (with WNQM 1300). (WINB was an outgrowth of WGCN 1440, but the latter has morphed into WGLD at a different site 5 minutes of latitude and 10 minutes of longitude away from Red Lion.)

Further: 0045 UT is indeed the current August powerdown/pattern change time for WNQM 1300, 50 kW day non-direxional, 5 kW night direxional to SE with very minor lobes in other direxions; per FCC AM Query:

WNQM LSR/LSS, UT:

Aug: 1100/0045

Sep: 1130/0000

But via the WWCR website, linking to WNQM:

<http://www.1300wnqm.com/>

lacking any program schedule, you'd never know there is anything but English religion, nor here:

http://www.1300wnqm.com/pgm-links_wnqm.html

WNQM webstream checked at 2240 UT Aug 13: certainly English, gospel-huxter. I know that WNQM used to change to Spanish at night, and probably still does. This gets more complicated. The listed ``La Ranchera`` (6220 slogan I logged previously) in Nashville is 880 WMDB, and the ``1300`` or ``1600`` ID I heard went on to say algo-``ochenta``. Perhaps the WMDB format is duplicated or transferred to 1300 after dark? Since it's allowed only a puny TWO WATTS at nite on 880 {hardly enough to overcome WCBS a block away?}. But the website <http://www.laranchera880.com/> is all about 880, nothing about 1300. I

vaguely recall hearing something about such a rental as of a few years ago, but haven't been able to locate a story on it. (I have also DXed WMDB directly on 880 a couple times --- not on 2 watts, tho!)

7520 schedule of WWCR-4 is currently 0000-0200 UT only. I recall there have been previous instances of WNQM 1300 mixing with a WWCR SW frequency to produce a spur displaced by 1300 kHz. Such as:

``U S A. 7190, April 7 [2011y] at 1143 UT, the dulcet tones of Brother Scare are just barely audible, but still there when fully attenuated, fading in and out, with some QRhaM, and // 5890 synchronized, so spur from WWCR +++ plus WNQM, 1300 kHz higher. There could be another one, 1300 kHz lower on 4590 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-15)``

Might as well compute all the possible plus/minus 1300 mixes with #4 frequencies and the other three WWCR transmitters:

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|--------|--------|---------|
| 15825: | 17125, | 14525 |
| 15795: | 17095, | 14495 |
| 13845: | 15145, | 12545 |
| 12160: | 13460, | 10860 |
| 9980: | 11280, | 8680 |
| 9350: | 10650, | 8050 |
| 7520: | 8820, | 6220*** |
| 7490: | 8790, | 6190 |
| 6115: | 7415, | 4815 |
| 5935: | 7235, | 4635 |
| 5890: | 7190, | 4590 |
| 5070: | 6370, | 3770 |
| 4840: | 6140, | 3540 |
| 3215: | 4515, | 1915 |

This of course does not account for lots of other possible mixes involving two of the SW transmitters and/or the MW transmitter! If we were to hear two WWCR programs on a 2A minus B shortwave-only mix of extremely strong signals, there might be some question whether it's transmitted or caused by receiver overload. But if the MW 1300 frequency is involved (far away from Nashville where we don't hear it at all on fundamental) it has to be transmitted as a spurious SW frequency.

This theory of origin of the 6220 mystery accounts for: powering down circa 0045; mixture of Spanish and English at times; frequencies mentioned and slogan in the partial IDs.

Now it remains to catch something more certain on 6220 to confirm the theory! If not, then to check the WMDB and/or WNQM webcasts.

So at 2354 UT August 13 I start monitoring 6220 on the NRD-545 with ALA-330S, and 7520 on the PL-880 with rod, both with BFO offset to detect exactly when the carriers come on --- and they do!

Simultaneously at *2358:32.5. A minute earlier on 6220 I was hearing some Spanish, but it's coincidental 2-way (which is what belongs on this marine band), and still after 6220.0-AM comes on for a bit, with ``cambios`` on USB only. Meanwhile I can detect the WWCR steel-drum transition IS on 6220 as well as on super-strong 7520. I wonder if the Spanish 2-wayers are confounded by this QRM, and give up? No more of them to be heard.

Now we are into UT August 14: I quickly check 8820, which is 7520 plus 1300, and do detect a JBA carrier there, likely a match, but no match in strength or readability. 7520 with huxter talk is registering 45 over S9 at 0008, while 6220 mostly music is S4 barely above the noise level. At 0028 I retune to 6220 and find Spanish music in a nice peak, enough to also audiblize the English YL g.h. underneath and // 7520; 0030 announcement is unreadable during a fade. 0032, 6220 fades up to S5; 0038 another fade up with double audio like at 0028; 0041 a peak to S7 and super-hype voice actor in Spanish mentions ``ocho ochenta`` (880); 0044:37.5 or so the 6220 signal drops down to S2, below the noise level, at official August sunset time in Nashville.

Now it's back to the computer for the webstreams. At 0059 UT I bring them both up and they are the same, altho not synchronized, with Telemundo promo/ad, but no ToH ID before resuming music.

WMDB: <http://www.laranchera880.com/en-vivo-247/>

WNQM shoutcast: <http://216.240.139.89:3663/>

At 0103 UT, ID mentions ``WNQM, 1,300, se convierte en La Ranchera, 880, y mil, 300, tu m'sica y tu tradici n`` --- the slogan on the 880 website. So now my theory is totally, 100% confirmed. Never mind previous ideas it might be a pirate relay, or a shortwave-only frequency mix. This 6220 signal may only be a few watts, supposedly within tolerance for spurs? That makes it hot DX. When George McClintock was in charge, he installed filters to take out the +/- 1300 kHz spurs from then WWCR frequencies, but his successors don't know or don't care about doing this with newer frequencies like 7520.

WWCR program schedule shows 7520 is on the air UT Tue-Sat ONLY, at 00-02 with only three gospel-huxter programs: Real Radio (not a DX program!), Unshackled, and A Call to Decision. So we are greatly indebted to WWCR for providing some fascinating DX from this transmitter & WNQM's, lacking any worthwhile programming.

I had asked pirate specialist Chris Lobdell in MA if he was hearing it, but he hasn't, while some others now have, resulting in this

thread:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,22948.0.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6220-AM, Aug 18 at 0036, gospel(?) music, S5 peaks vs storm noise, with JBA carrier only on 8820, i.e. WMDB 880 Nashville TN relay via WNQM mixing products 1300 kHz away from WWCR 7520. The barely audible modulation on 6220 is not // 7520. Earlier I reported:

``Window for this 6220 reception closes at end of August (assuming same hours 00-02 Tue-Sat remain for 7520), as sunset for 50 kW day power on 1300 moves up from 0045 to 0000 UT. However, I was still able to detect this on 6220 after 0045 when WNQM cut to 5 kW night power, direxional``

But tonight I never detect a power drop on 6220 around 0045: still the same at 0050. Axually in Sept, if 7520 cuts on circa 2358, there could be a couple minutes when WNQM is still on day power. Is 1300 still branded ``Radio Viva``, Spanish religion at any time, like overnight, or is it all ``La Ranchera`` WMDB now? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

While I have placed the 6220 affair above in the top part of U S A as of special or unusual interest, I would also like to point out that it is a very good example of why there should not be, and as far as I am concerned, is not, a strict dividing line between MW DXing and SW DXing! Altho heard on SW, since it concerns what MW stations WNQM 1300 and WMDB 880 are doing, I have also reported it to MW-only lists, where it seems the interest in what I consider a remarkable DX catch and investigative process, if I do say so myself, has been minimal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Except:

Most interesting. In a way I'm surprised that doesn't happen more often (Doug Smith, W9WI, Nashville area, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7416-USB, UT Sat Aug 15 at 0125, some US paramilitary net, with carefully foneticized traffic, some numbers, then AUG 15. From: NHQ/DOKO; TO: Shiprock; Subject: W.T. [something]; break; Text: each group twice: 523BD, DW7CB . . .

This jargon leads right to Civil Air Patrol, e.g. in this document about an exercise last May:

http://mersar.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CW15_final_updated.pdf but I don't see what DOKO stands for; NHQ is pretty obvious.

I don't seem to have any recent logs on this frequency, but in October of 2011, CAP on 7416 was cited as the reason WBCQ had to get off its long established 7415 (pirate heritage) and go to 7490, as in my log

report of that era:

``U S A [and non]. Glenn, WBCQ has notified me that the FCC has given them until Monday, October 24, 2011, to vacate their 7.415 MHz frequency. The new frequency will be 7.490 MHz. I expect Al will address this in further detail on his show this evening at 0000 UT on 7.415. Regards, (Larry Will, Area 51, 2036 UT Oct 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, he did. Summary from first third of 'Allan Weiner Worldwide': FCC says it is because the Civil Air Patrol has a new HF fixed communications system on 7416. 7415 was WBCQ's #1 frequency since it went on the air Sept 8, 1998. A good run, but have always known that operating on an out-of-band frequency is subject to getting bumped to another frequency if the US government requires (gh)``
(Glenn Hauser, OK, August 15, 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910/FM, WQGY434 KLDE Eldorado TX (Dallas xmtr?), 104.9 FM studio relay; 1729, 8-Aug; Funky pop tunes; BoH "... 104.9 FM". Good peaks but in/out/scratchy; // poor 25990/FM. +++ 1630, 9-Aug; Local church service. Vgood peaks w/total dropouts; // poor 25990/FM.

25910/FM, WQGY434 (Dallas xmtr?) KLDE-FM Eldorado TX relay; 1434, 17-Aug; 80s pop tunes; "KLDE 104.9 FM Eldorado, Sonora, San Angelo". Good peaks with dropouts; // 25910/FM with fair peaks. 1412, 18-Aug; Tune-in to "Monster Mash". in/out/scratchy/poor (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 65 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Came across this fascinating website that plays Police/Fire/EMS dispatches by State and County.
http://www.edispatches.com/orgs/general/call_log.php
(Karl Racenis, MARE Tipsheet 14 Aug via DXLD)

Over the past 24 hours only. So I try Oklahoma, Garfield, and find only two calls, one fire and one medical assist, from Waukomis and one other little town, nothing from Enid; maybe doesn't intercept modernized digital setups? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS NAMES JOHN LANSING AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUGUST 17, 2015

Former President of Scripps Networks Brings Background in Journalism and Multi-Platform Programming to Lead Next Generation of U.S. International Media

BBG Networks Include Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio

Liberty, Radio and TV Marti, Radio Free Asia, and Middle East Broadcasting Networks --- headshot of John Lansing [caption]

WASHINGTON - The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), the independent federal government agency that oversees all U.S. civilian international media, today announced the appointment of John Lansing as Chief Executive Officer and Director of the BBG. Lansing will begin his service at the BBG in September.

Lansing joins the BBG with nine years of experience as President of Scripps Networks, where he is credited with guiding the company to become a leading developer of unique content across various media platforms including television, digital, mobile and publishing. As President of Scripps Networks, Lansing was responsible for strategic and operational oversight of the \$2.5 billion division of Scripps Networks Interactive, including the company's portfolio of six cable networks - Food Network, HGTV, Travel Channel, DIY, Cooking Channel and Great American Country - and the \$100 million Scripps Networks Digital division. Prior to joining Scripps Networks in 2004, Lansing was Senior Vice President for Television in the broadcasting division of the E.W. Scripps Company, managing the company's portfolio of 10 network affiliated television stations. Earlier, he held various senior management positions at Scripps-owned affiliates, including WEWS TV in Cleveland, Ohio and WXYZ TV in Detroit, Michigan.

Most recently, Lansing was President and Chief Executive Officer of Cable & Telecommunications Association for Marketing (CTAM), a marketing association comprised of 90 of the top U.S. and Canadian cable companies and television programmers. There, Lansing oversaw the development of business strategies and marketing initiatives that position cable television companies for continued growth as they compete with emerging digital content platforms.

Lansing also brings a deep understanding of journalism from roles as an award-winning Photojournalist and Field Producer, Assignment Manager, Managing Editor, and News Director at several television stations earlier in his career.

Lansing is currently Vice Chair of the Bellarmine University Board of Trustees and was named to the Bellarmine Gallery of Distinguished Graduates in 2010. He serves on the National Advisory Board of the Bellarmine University's Institute for Media, Culture & Ethics; National Council for Media and Public Affairs of George Washington University School of Media & Public Affairs; and, until recently, the Poynter Institute for Media Studies Foundation, one of the nation's top schools for professional journalists.

"John is a proven executive and a remarkable, transformative leader in

multiplatform content strategies, development and distribution," said BBG Chairman Jeff Shell. "With his journalistic sensibilities and success in leading media companies through periods of challenges and growth, John is the ideal person to lead the BBG as we accelerate efforts to shape a global, world-leading media organization that is up to the challenges of the 21st century."

"We are very fortunate to have John take on the CEO role at this critical time when U.S. international media is on the front line of the United States' most important and complicated foreign policy issues," added Shell. "From eastern Ukraine to China to ISIL and Iran, the programming of the BBG is the most important, and in many cases, the only voice of honest and open journalism. John also understands that conveying and critically assessing official U.S. policy is a key component of BBG's mission. American leadership in the world depends in part on international audiences knowing where the United States stands with respect to their countries and the issues that affect them."

"I thank Chairman Shell and the Board for this opportunity to help lead this fantastic organization," said Lansing. "As one of the world's largest media enterprises, the BBG provides balanced, reliable and authoritative news in the face of partisan media and heavy propaganda from repressive nations and extremist groups. I am honored to enter into public service and to join a team of world class journalists and media professionals who are dedicated to expanding freedom of information and expression worldwide. I also welcome the opportunity to work with this distinguished Board, which has steadily guided the BBG forward."

Chairman Shell also thanked Andr   Mendes for his service as BBG Interim CEO. "On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the tireless work of Andr   and his dedicated team. During this transition period, Andr   and his colleagues have worked diligently to produce outstanding results and to spur on forward momentum at the BBG."

BBG's Critical Importance in a Fragmented World and Rapidly Changing Media Environment

U.S. International Media (USIM) operates today in a challenging environment in which global audiences have vastly increased access to information from both public and private sources and in which modes of communication are changing in fundamental ways.

The global information space has become a battleground, where new international actors have "weaponized" information to try to undermine not only Western values but also Western resolve to confront the

challenges of the 21st century. The emergence of well-funded state-sponsored broadcasters have demonstrated how propaganda can directly influence events on the ground. Elsewhere, non-state actors including al-Qaeda, ISIL and Boko Haram are using social media to recruit fighters and sow fear.

The BBG is sparing no effort to bring global audiences alternative narratives - built on accurate, fact-based journalism - to foreign propaganda in Ukraine and across the former Soviet Union as well as in the Middle East, South Asia and the African Sahel. MBN's Raise Your Voice, an interactive audience engagement initiative on TV and radio in Iraq exemplifies BBG's response, empowering moderate secular and religious voices to discuss the root causes of ISIL while providing Iraqi leaders with constructive feedback on the lives and hopes of the Iraqi people.

Gallup research underscores impressive results, most notably where extremism is a palpable threat; BBG networks boast weekly adult audiences of 44% in Iraq, 53% in Afghanistan, 28% in Iran, 51% in Somalia, and 18% in Nigeria. Globally, BBG networks increasingly are engaging new audiences, reporting on issues of human rights, government corruption and other issues, which contributes toward an all-time high measured BBG weekly audiences in excess of 215 million and rapid growth across all media platforms including social media and mobile.

Telling America's story is a significant part of BBG's statutory mandate. BBG covers the United States in all of its complexity, reflecting the nation's democratic process, so that the countries that are struggling to nurture their own democratic systems might learn from the American experience.

BBG has also developed a robust portfolio in Internet anti-censorship. The agency focuses not only on disseminating content, but also on expanding access to the Internet, and offering to citizen and professional journalists the tools to report safely without detection by government surveillance. Increasingly, this work is important in countries such as China, Venezuela and Iran that are bolstering their firewalls to stop the free flow of information.

About The Broadcasting Board of Governors

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is the independent federal government agency that oversees all U.S. international media. BBG is also the name of the board that governs the agency.

The BBG Board is focused on how to best leverage the combined power of the five media networks it oversees - Voice of America (VOA), Radio

and TV Martí, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia (RFA), and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (MBN) - in countries where vital U.S. interests are at stake and freedom of the press and freedom of expression are under attack.

All current BBG Board members have been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to their positions since August 2013. Board members are well-respected leaders in U.S. foreign policy, media, and government and operate in a collegial bi-partisan manner.

Current Board members include: Jeff Shell, Chairman of Universal Filmed Entertainment; Matthew Armstrong, author and former Executive Director of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Dr. Leon Aron, Resident Scholar and Director of Russian Studies at the American Enterprise Institute; Ambassador Ryan Crocker, Dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, whose 37-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service included service as U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon; Michael Kempner, founder, president, and CEO of MWW, one of the world's top five independent public relations agencies; Ambassador Karen Kornbluh, Executive Vice President of External Affairs for Nielsen and former U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and Kenneth Weinstein, President and CEO of the Hudson Institute. Secretary of State John Kerry is represented on the Board by Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Richard Stengel, former managing editor of TIME.

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JOHN LANSING NAMED AS NEW CHIEF OF BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

By RON NIXON August 17, 2015

<http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/18/us/john-lansing-named-as-new-chief-of-broadcasting-board-of-governors.html>

WASHINGTON -- John Lansing, a retired cable television executive, was named Monday as the new chief executive of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the agency that oversees United States government-supported, civilian international news media such as Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

Mr. Lansing, a former president of Scripps Networks Interactive, replaces Andrew Lack, who stepped down from the position in March just 42 days into the job to become president of NBC News. Mr. Lansing will take over the agency in September.

While he is not as well known as Mr. Lack, members of the board of governors say Mr. Lansing is the right choice to lead the agency, which has struggled to find its footing in a changing media environment.

Former staff members and members of Congress have criticized the agency for failing to counter the propaganda of countries like Russia and stateless actors such as the Islamic State.

"John is a proven executive and a remarkable, transformative leader in multiplatform content strategies, development and distribution," said Jeffrey Shell, the chairman of NBC Universal Filmed Entertainment and chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

John Lansing in 2008. Daniel Acker / Bloomberg, via Getty Images
[caption]

In an interview, Mr. Lansing said he hoped to begin carrying out a number of steps recommended by the board of governors. "I want to make sure that we have a communications link to the world using tools like Twitter, Facebook and other digital communications that are grounded in a free press and that can counter whatever propaganda is out there," he said.

Having a chief executive to oversee the various news organizations has long been a goal of the board and members of Congress, many of whom said the agency needed one person to oversee the sprawling public broadcaster.

The day-to-day running of international broadcasting operations was overseen by a nine-member board that had become known more for its dysfunction than for managing broadcast programs that reach more than 215 million people around the world every week.

The new board has been praised for making critical reforms at the agency, including overseeing efforts to modernize its equipment and expand its reach. The agency has also broadened its use of social media and mobile apps and has become less dependent on shortwave radio, a relic of the Cold War. And the agency has stepped up its efforts to counter terrorist organizations like the Islamic State, creating programs such as "Raise Your Voice in Iraq" for TV and radio.

Now, with Mr. Lansing in charge, the feeling at the agency is that the broadcasting board will be better positioned to continue its overhaul and more forcefully engage international rivals like China and Russia in the high-stakes information war.

"The issue today is not a lack of information, it's that we are awash

in information, much of it propaganda," said Richard A. Stengel, the under secretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs, who represents Secretary of State John Kerry on the board of governors. "John's task will not only be to help the agency get out the view of America, but allow people to have a discussion about those views and policies."

Mr. Lansing will still have to win over a skeptical Congress, which has been critical of the board. A bipartisan bill passed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee would make several changes at the agency, including making the current board of governors an advisory board and creating a new communications agency called the Freedom News Network.

Mr. Lansing served nine years as president of Scripps Networks Interactive, where he was responsible for the network's \$2.5 billion cable division, which includes the Food Network, HGTV, the Travel Channel, DIY, the Cooking Channel and Great American Country.

Before taking on his new position, Mr. Lansing was most recently president and chief executive of the Cable and Telecommunications Association for Marketing, a marketing association made up of 90 of the top United States and Canadian cable companies and television programmers.

Mr. Lansing began his career at age 17 as a news photographer at WPSD-TV in Paducah, KY (NY Times via David Cole, Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

** U S A. SELLING POLICY WITH THE VOICE OF AMERICA --- The broadcaster is giving Iranians a lopsided view of how the nuclear deal is regarded in the U.S. By Sohrab Ahmari The Wall Street Journal Aug. 12, 2015 2:59 p.m. ET 9 COMMENTS

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/a-partisan-voice-of-america-1439405953>

As the Obama administration ratchets up its effort to spin the Iran nuclear deal at home, the U.S. also is trying to sell the pact to some of its biggest losers: Iranian dissidents inside the country and in the diaspora. That's the impression conveyed by recent coverage of the deal by Voice of America, the U.S. taxpayer-funded broadcaster that is supposed to shed light on closed societies.

Consider the VOA's Persian-language service. With a \$15 million budget, the Persian service constituted one of the larger single components of the more than \$700 million American taxpayers spent on U.S. government broadcasting in 2014. Yet one often looks in vain for serious coverage of the debate surrounding the nuclear deal now raging in the U.S.

In a representative case, the broadcaster botched its coverage of a July 23 Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in which senior officials, including U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, were grilled about the pact. Rather than cover the full hearing live, VOA Persian intercut segments of it with a call-in show on fashion in Iran. Much of the on-air English-to-Persian translation of the hearing was provided by a single staffer, even though the hearing involved several English-speaking voices.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry testifies before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, July 23. Photo: Alex Wong/Getty Images [caption]

"We've gone from the mantra of no deal is better than a bad deal," Sen. James Risch said at the hearing. "And now we've gotten to the point where 'well, you have to accept this or else it's war.'" He went on to take issue with the Obama administration's binary choice-- this deal or war -- and grill Mr. Kerry and his colleagues about their numerous concessions to Tehran.

Iranians watching VOA wouldn't have heard the Idaho Republican's objections to the deal. The broadcaster cut away from the hearing at 10:56 a.m. Eastern Time to its fashion call-in show and didn't tune back in until 11:58 a.m., missing almost the entire second hour of the hearing. Cutting back and forth in this manner, the VOA's Persian service covered half of the hearing, according to a VOA spokesman. The effect was that Iranians heard Mr. Kerry's opening statement in full but many senators' objections in truncated fashion or not at all.

The VOA's English-language coverage of Iran is also problematic. Billed as a straight news story, a June 29 report that appeared on VOA's English-language website cited "analysts" to support the claim that "out-dated ideas are simply no longer a practical factor in negotiations." Both sources quoted in the story supported a deal, and the article failed to quote any critics to give readers a taste of the opposing view.

Such reporting runs contrary to the VOA charter, which requires the broadcaster to "represent America, not any single segment of American society" and to "present a balanced and comprehensive projection of significant American thought and institutions."

The story "should have included a comment or a direct quote from a critic of the Iran nuclear agreement," the VOA spokesman said in an email.

The lopsided report wasn't a one-off. In recent weeks VOA columnist Barbara Slavin has frequently lambasted critics of the current

diplomacy. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's criticism "has not included a realistic alternative" to the nuclear deal, Ms. Slavin wrote in an Aug. 5 column. "Critics of Obama's foreign policy have wanted the United States to remain an outlier when it comes to dealing" with Cuba and Iran, she wrote on July 21. A week before that: "It would be interesting to hear how Jeb Bush and other critics would improve on an agreement blessed by all the world's other powers."

While VOA's English site does occasionally carry more skeptical views, Ms. Slavin is the only regular columnist. "I am aware that the managing editor of that page is in the process of procuring a counterweight voice," the VOA spokesman said. Ms. Slavin has been a VOA columnist since 2013. True, VOA's English-language online content isn't exactly among the Internet's best-read. But it has an audience among diaspora communities in the U.S. and, fairly or not, VOA is seen globally as a voice of the American government.

All of which raises the question: Why are taxpayers subsidizing partisan journalism?

Iranians uneasy about handing their regime nuclear weapons will have been left with the impression that few in America share their qualms. It's bad enough that among the nuclear deal's big losers are Tehran's Iranian critics, who will now see the regime that oppresses them enriched and legitimized by its diplomatic triumph over Washington. It's worse -- and cause for inquiry from Congress -- that the broadcaster American taxpayers fund to deliver truth and inspiration to such freedom lovers instead has volunteered to propagandize on behalf of that deal.

Mr. Ahmari is a Journal editorial-page writer based in London (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. 9565, Aug 16 at 1305, open carrier, tone test and off, typical morning behaviour of Greenville's day-shift check for usage later in the day, i.e. Radio Marti from 2000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. VOA Radiogram, 15-16 Aug --- This weekend's VOA Radiogram will be all-MFSK32 (except for the Olivia 64-2000 bonus mode) and will include some interesting science news. Feed audio from your radio to your PC, and use Fldigi (free) from w1hkj.com to turn the strange noises into text and images. Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 124, 15-16 August 2015, all in MFSK32 except where noted:

1:31 Program preview

2:39 Genome of octopus species*

9:50 New sunspot index shows no climate link*
19:23 Economic growth threatens Asian biodiversity*
26:05 Closing announcements*
28:20 Olivia 64-2000: Transmission schedule
* with image

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule

(all days and times UT):

Sat 0930-1000 5745 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17870 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina.

The Mighty KBC will transmit a minute of MFSK64 Sunday at 0230 UT
(Saturday 10:30 pm EDT) on 9925 kHz, via Germany (Kim Elliott, dxldyg
via DXLD)

Octopus: This article I had also seen in the German Digital Radio:
http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-08-15.htm#octopus

Demodulation in pure AM:

http://www.rhci-online.net/radiogram/VoA_Radiogram_2015-08-15.htm#VOA
(roger, Germany, ibid.)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed on caradio after
2100 UT Thursday August 13 on WRMI 7570. Next:

2130 UT Friday WRMI 15770

2130 UT Friday WRMI 7570

2330 UT Friday WRMI 5850

0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB

1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB

1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM

0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM

2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580

0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51

0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955

1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955

0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB

1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955

1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB

2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed Friday August 14 at 2130 on
WRMI 15770, and now better from 2130.6 on WRMI 7570; also sufficient
Friday at 2330 on WRMI 5850. Next:

0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB [please check: not heard Wed at 1430]

1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB [please check: not heard Wed at 1430]

1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM
0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM
2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed on WA0RCR, 1860-AM, UT Sunday Aug 16 at 0327, poor signal but readable, at a point which indicated it must have started about 0318 this week. Next:

2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed Sunday August 16 at 2300 on WRMI 11580; also confirmed UT Monday August 17 on Area 51 webcast, starting late at 0323 as JL ran over again; and later audible on WBCQ 5109.7-CUSB, as well as starting at 0330 on WRMI 9955. Next:

1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB [please check; unheard last week]
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v

[and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday August 19 at 1315, fair on WRMI 9955. I forget to check 7265-USB via Utwente at 1430 from Hamburger Lokalradio, where it was NOT heard a week ago; did anyone notice whether it's on this week? Next: Wednesday 2100 on WBCQ 7490

After which WOR 1787 should be ready to start Thu 1130 on WRMI 9955, Thu 2100 on WRMI 7570

WORLD OF RADIO 1786 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday Aug 19 at 2100 on WBCQ 7490 webcast; on 7490 itself, JBA in noise level.

WORLD OF RADIO 1787 monitoring, ready for first broadcast Thu Aug 20 at 1130 on WRMI 9955, surely so, but I don't awaken till after 1200.

1130 UT Thursday WRMI 9955

2100 UT Thursday WRMI 7570
2130 UT Friday WRMI 15770
2130 UT Friday WRMI 7570
2330 UT Friday WRMI 5850
0630 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1430 UT Saturday HLR 7265-CUSB
1930vUT Saturday WA0RCR 1860-AM
0315vUT Sunday WA0RCR 1860-AM
2300 UT Sunday WRMI 11580
0300vUT Monday WBCQ 5110v Area 51
0330 UT Monday WRMI 9955
1100 UT Tuesday WRMI 9955
0630 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
1315 UT Wednesday WRMI 9955
1430 UT Wednesday HLR 7265-CUSB
2100 UT Wednesday WBCQ 7490v
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, Aug 15 at 1250, WRMI is fair in Italian, no jamming.
It's 'Made In Italy' which is not in English! Saturdays at 1245 among
other times, so we get no Slovakia on weekend mornings.

7730, Aug 19 at 0226, no signal from WRMI on WOOB frequency inherited
from WYFR, prompting me to check their latest frequency schedule.
WRMI-1 is now on the air only one hour per day, 03-04 on 7730 with RTI
in Spanish, 222 degree azimuth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. [Re 15-32]: "CUBA [non]. 5950, Aug 12 at 2320, JBA carrier
on presumed new AWR service from and to Cuba via WRMI. Assuming it's
really on the air, must be on a hi-angle, short-range antenna just
right for max signal into Cuba, not here. At least I detect no
jamming, either. 5850 WRMI on its NW antenna is much better but still
only poor this early. I've yet to check for the other AWR 5950
broadcast at 1100-1130, but that must have been Mark Taylor,
Wisconsin's poorly audible unID in the NASWA Flashsheet. Or rather, a
full hour each for System H per WRMI frequency grid; maybe extra
reserved for expansion or some other program?"

Glenn, I think Jeff may be in Australia preparing for the upcoming
HFCC meetings, so I'll step up to the plate. Your surmise is correct:
the antenna used for the Cuba transmissions on 5950 kHz has a high
take-off angle of 45 degrees and a horizontal beamwidth of 90 degrees.
Azimuth is 181 degrees, so that the footprint just nicely brackets
Cuba. The main function in life for that antenna is to service Cuba.
73, (Dan Elyea, WRMI, Aug 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Dan. Wonder if same or equal antenna is used on any of the
other frequencies, when to Cuba like 9955 jammed services? (Glenn to

Dan, via DXLD)

Glenn, the antenna on azimuth of 181 degrees is the only one of that type on the site. All the other antennas have a take-of-angle of less than 20 degrees; mostly between 7 and 16 degrees. At the present time (by my understanding), no other frequencies are carried on the 181 degrees antenna. 73, (Dan Elyea, ibid.)

9955, WRMI Radio Miami Int'l; 2125-2132+, 16-Aug; English religious program re Muslim expansion; close sounded like Rexella Van Impe; BoH RMI ID in Spanish, into Spanish program re Cuba; SIO=4+33+ with buzz-pulse jammer (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 65 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Transmitter changes of WRMI, ``YFR``, 100 kW Okeechobee:

0100-0200 11920/ 160 deg to CeAm Spanish Family Radio tx#04, ex tx#03
0200-0300 11920/ 160 deg to CeAm Spanish R.Taiwan Int. tx#04, ex tx#03
0300-0400 7730/ 222 deg to MEXI Spanish R.Taiwan Int. tx#01, ex tx#14
1300-2100 15770/ 044 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair tx#03, ex tx#04
2100-2200 15770/ 044 deg to WeEu Various WRMI programs tx#03, ex tx#04
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/transmitters-changes-of-wrmi-okeechobee.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9330 and 5110, Aug 15 at 0124, no v-CUSB signals from WBCQ, but still on 7490v-AM with BS. I'm not surprised, since Larry Will had notified me at 1947 UT Aug 14:

``** U S A. Schedule changes for WBCQ The Planet, effective 13 August 2015: Good Friends Radio Network, was daily 0100 to 0400 on 9330, is discontinued; simulcast of Art Bell's Midnight In the Desert, was Monday-Saturday 0400 to 0700 on 9330, is discontinued; Overcomer Ministry, was Tuesday-Saturday 0000 to 0400 on 5110, is discontinued.

Art Bell's Midnight In the Desert will continue on 7490. The only remaining programming on 9330 is The Full Gospel Hour, Tuesday-Saturday 0000 to 0100 on 9330 (via Larry Will, DXLD)``

`Midnight [sic] in the Desert` presumably continues on CFRX 6070 and with some hum, on WTTW 5085, where it's probably a financial liability rather than asset. See also OKLAHOMA: 97.5 KPAK (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cancelled transmissions of WBCQ The Planet effective August 13, all to ENAm in English

Brother Stair

0000-0100 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Tue-Fri

0100-0400 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Tue-Sat
0400-0700 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Tue-Sat
Good Friends Radio Network
0100-0400 on 9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Daily
Art Bell
0400-0700 on 9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Tue-Sat
Other programs
0400-0500 on 9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Sun/Mon

Updated A-15 schedule of WBCQ The Planet effective August 13

1900-2000 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Tue
2000-2100 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Mon-Fri
2100-2200 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Sun
2200-2300 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Mon-Fri Brother Stair
2200-2300 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Sat/Sun
2300-2400 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Daily
2300-2400 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Sat/Sun
0000-0100 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Sat
0000-0100 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Mon Brother Stair
0000-0100 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Tue-Sun
0000-0100 on 9330vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Daily
0000-0400 on 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg CUSB Sun/Mon
0100-0300 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Daily Brother Stair
0300-0400 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Mon-Sat
0300-0400 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Sun Brother Stair
0400-0700 on 7490 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg Tue-Sat Art Bell

5110v=5109.8; 9330v=9330.2

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/cancelled-transmissions-of-wbcq-planet.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 9370, Aug 18 at 0540, WWRB with Brother Scare overnight, and becoming the SSOB, while WRMI 9395 & 9955 are much weaker for a change, and very little else on 31m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

WWRB relay TOM once again running day frequency 9370 thru the night:
from 0530 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English & continues at 0700
parallel 3185 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm English scheduled 0000-1300
frequency 9370 WRB 100 kW / 045 deg ENAm HFCC registration 1300-2400
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/wwr-relay-tom-is-once-again-running.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9370 sometimes all night, sometimes not (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 9930 & 9475, Sat Aug 15 at 1921, notice that WTTW-2 and WTTW-1 are both in Ted Randall ham shows --- different ones, or at

least way out of synch. Also one of those, not sure which, was already non-SFAW for ham show *before 1800. 9475 used to break away from SFAW Sats starting at 1800. Daytime frequency of #2, 9930 is seldom on the air now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9975, Aug 18 at 0050 check, KVOH is on as usual, still undermodulated, as the 'new' transmitter still isn't operational tnx to WTWW delaying shipping all the necessary components. At least KVOH is on the air, as we were wondering if Simi Valley wildfires over the weekend had affected KVOH (the SW site itself is not in the valley but on a mountaintop).

17775, also checking KVOH` weekday frequency, Aug 18 at 1505, and at first nothing heard, but it's just putrid propagation as a JBA carrier can then be detected (while from the opposite coast, WRMi R. Africa is much better on 17790).

9975, Aug 19 at 0230, KVOH somewhat muffled/undermodulated, with Pat Conrad's 'Classic Jazz' hour, which is now 02-03 UT Tue-Sat, while his other jazz and swing shows on weekends are an hour later at 03-04 UT Sun & Mon. My computer remembered this page for schedules:
<http://kvoh.net/wp-content/uploads/KVOH-Program-Grid-English.pdf>
but it displays ``This is somewhat embarrassing, isn't it? It seems we can't find what you're looking for. Perhaps searching can help.`` Or going back to the homepage to find the English & Spanish programs via:
<http://kvoh.net/wp-content/uploads/KVOH-Program-Grid.pdf>

17775, Aug 19 at 1413, not even a carrier detectable from KVOH, but presumably on, not propagating. Anyhow, KVOH is still on the 9975 air despite a close call with wildfires. I had asked Ray Robinson about that and he replied Aug 18,

``Hi, Glenn. Thanks for your concern. Yes, there have been two fires in Simi Valley in the last 5 days or so. The first, a fairly small one, was about a mile north of our KVOH transmitting site, but the fire fighters quickly got a handle on it. There was no real threat to the SW site, but it was actually closer to our FM transmitting site (KWSV, 99.1 The Ranch), and we were concerned about that for a few hours. However, in the end there was no problem. The second, a much larger fire, and one that has been shown on national news, was at the other end of the valley, about 10 miles from our sites, so again no threat to either KVOH or KWSV.

We are still working hard to get the Harris 100 kW unit on the air. It has been fully refurbished from end to end, and numerous components have been replaced. We are still working on the electrical hook-up and on the antenna feed line switching, but we're getting close!``

Ray also explains that the delay in Zambia is caused by a drought and lack of reliable hydroelectric power; more details on that to come (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13700, Sunday Aug 16 at 2021 check, no signal from WHRI, which on July 27 at least activated this frequency for live coverage of a silly and dangerous carace; I suppose they may occasionally happen on other Sunday (or Saturday) afternoons. 13700 is still missing from WHRI HFCC registrations:

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbybrc.php?seas=A15&broadc=HRI>

Altho propagation is very degraded, with very poor signals on 13605 and 13845 US stations. Instead I hear something on 13695: FRANCE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7515.00, August 14 at 0518, surprise new frequency of WEWN Spanish, ex-7555, which had that military hash from France on the hi side ñ forever (well, at least for years, ever since WEWN started using it, I think). They finally caught on that a change was necessary. FCC and HFCC still show old listing: ``7555 0500 1300 10,11 EWN 250 220 30 206 1234567 290315 251015 D 8925 Spa USA EWN FCC 1146``

BTW, FCC still hasn't issued an updated version 2 of their A15 schedule, just version 1 from the outset:

http://transition.fcc.gov/ib/sand/neg/hf_web/A15FCC01.TXT

But that's better than WEWN's own website, with schedule expiring 29 March 2015!

http://www.ewtn.com/spanish/Frecuencias_radio.asp

This complete schedule for three transmitters in two languages, however, is for A-15, and guess what, it too still shows 7555:

<http://www.ewtn.com/radio/freq.htm>

So was 7515 just a test, or even a mistake? I haven't yet caught an on-air announcement, but there's a good chance that is outdated too.

7515 looks like a good clear choice, at least as far as avoiding other broadcasters in this fixed utility band: HFCC has nothing during those hours on 7515 or 7510, and on 7520, only Delhi at 0645-1100 toward ENE (if it's not wooden). Aoki lists that for Nepal and is already on the ball with new 7515 for WEWN, effective Aug 13, at 0500-1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5810, Aug 15 at 0455, I've tuned in to WEWN Spanish to hear what frequency they announce a change to: YL in Spanish says, twice, it will be ``7555``! (and 11870) continues). Then 5810 goes off; about a semiminute later during *0456:

7515 comes up with habitual transition music of ``Salve Regina`` chanting until just before 0500 YL again claims to be on ``7555``, into second hour of ``Paz a la luz de la luna EN VIVO``. This is the call-in show with the unxuous host who tries to soothe and comfort Catholic confessors with ``rosario de la divina misericordia``, repeating ``por su dolorosa pasi  n`` every few seconds.

``Moonlight``, what??? Haven't they noticed we're just past New Moon on Aug 14, as widely publicized for the Perseids? In fact, less than half the time during this live bihour is there any moonlight, so why call it that? I've also heard same guy, Pedro de Acevedo from Miami, in the afternoons on WEWN, but must be a different show.

Anyhow, the WEWN announceress is clueless about the new frequency; or rather the automation playing her canned announcement is clueless; or rather, an human ultimately in charge of the automation has failed to keep it up-to-date.

7515, Aug 15 at 1247, still here with only fair signal, during morning mass with tinkledings, English voiced-over into Spanish. At 1255 QSY announcement, another chance, but she still claims to be on ``7555`` which is about to change to 11550 (and 12050); 7515 goes off at 1256.5* and 11550 comes up less than a minute later, but this time just open carrier, no Salve Regina as usually heard; ID just before 1300 and rejoin mass in progress, with organ music leading into Gounod's ``Ave Maria`` seemingly in Latin, sung by a non-pro tenor cantor, who does a pretty good job but voice breaks a couple times. 1310 cut to announcement that they are joining programming in progress, which is a talk show discussion.

BTW, Jos   Miguel Romero2 in Spain had reported EWTN on new 7510 at 0615-0618 August 15. I don't see how his ATS-909 readout could have been 5 kHz off, so were WEWN experimenting with 7510 instead? Altho quickly registered 7515 with HFCC, perhaps they haven't settled yet on that, delaying recording accurate announcements (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Saludos cordiales. 7510 EWTN, 0615-0618, escuchada el 15 de agosto de 2015 en espa  ol a locutor en conversaci  n con una oyente que le pide una canci  n de "Marisa...", locutor anunciando "Vamos con Marisa...", canci  n religiosa, SINPO 34433. Me pregunto por qu   este cambio de frecuencia; la emisora hab  a sido captada antes de ver los post en DXLD; en la p  gina web de EWTN a  n anuncian 7555 (Jos   Miguel Romero, Saca  et (Castell  n), Espa  a, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, 7515: I'm hearing this right now (8/15 at 0515z), male announcer in Spanish with what sounds like a call in show with an occasional musical interlude that seems like religious or gospel

music. Never heard a positive ID. I'd give it a SINPO of 25232 at the moment, but these are less than ideal conditions. Thanks for posting this, I'd have no idea what it was if I hadn't of searched dxldyg.
73s (Rodney Johnson, Las Vegas NV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7515, EWTN, Vandiver, 0600-0607, escuchada el 16 de agosto de 2015 en espa0ol con sinton1a, locutor y locutora con presentaci0n y tema de m'sica religiosa, SINPO 24432. Chequeos en horarios precedentes no produjeron captaci0n alguna, a las 0450 y 0505 sin se0al en 7515, ni en 7510 ni en 7555 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Saca0et (Castell0n), Espa0a, Yaesu FRG 7700, Sangean ATS 909, Antena hilo 10 m, dxldyg via DXLD)

That's because the WEWN transmitter remains on 5810 until 0500v (gh)

Frequency change of EWTN, Radio Catolica Mundial, WEWN-3:
0500-1300 NF 7515 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to MEX Spanish, ex 7555
// frequency 11870 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm Spanish, WEWN-3

And another minor change of WEWN-1, wrong listed in EWTN A-15 schedule
1300-1500 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 355 deg to SEAs English, not 1300-1600
1500-1900 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME English, not 1600-1900
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-ewtn-radio-catolica.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, circa Aug 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.3, Aug 15 at 0125, my monthly(?) notation that WRNO is still gone, since March or April (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12160, WWCR, 8/12, 1745. Male co-host plays MacReady straight man to Alex's Dr. Blair, as Alex totally melts down. Entertaining in a way. VG on barefoot Radio Shack portable (Rick Barton, Logs from El Mirage AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, outdoor Slinky and indoor wire (temporarily during AZ thunderstorm season), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5898.8, Aug 19 at 0214, as I am slowly bandscanning on the NRD-545, notice that a carrier cuts on and off irregularly around this frequency; on the PL-880 I match the brief audios to what's coming from 5890 WWCR. Not heard on the low side, however, for a match which would be near 5881.2.

5980, Aug 19 at 0251, JBA leapfrog mixing product of WWCR 5890 over 5935 another 45 kHz higher. I often hear this in the 0500 hour with a mixture of BS and PMS, if the Cuban pre-jamming of R. MartÌ allows, since that doesn't really come on 5980 until 0700. The WWCR spur is roughly equal to fundamental R. Chaski on 5980, but never a problem for it until 0106*v, as WWCR does not start 5890 until 0200 UT Tue-

Sat, 0300 Monday and 0400 Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WWCR: See also atop USA sexion, 6220

** U S A. 770, TEXAS, KAAM, Garland. 1045 August 11, 2015. Connie Francis "Together" segued to Billy Joel "She's Always A Woman" then Legends 770 liner. Songs matched the kaamradio.com "Now Playing" list (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 830, LOUISIANA, WFNO, Norco. 1029 August 15, 2015. Spanglish techno-rap and reggaeton, "La Fabulosa" slogan between tracks. Very good, and could easily be fooled into thinking it's a Mexican if not for Google (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 960, TEXAS, KGKL, San Angelo. 1059 August 15, 2015. Tune-in right at ID, male canned, "NewsTalk KGKL, San Angelo" into ABC News till 1105, then ID, station news promo, local weather from TV meteorologist and another ID. Co-channel unidentified Mexican (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re my previous report: ``1200, Aug 9 at 0600 UT, C&W music, poor, with WOAI nulled as much as possible, making SAH of ~9 Hz. Probably WAMB Nashville TN, which recently flipped from Spanish [. . .] Trouble is, WAMB is a 50 kW ND daytimer, NO night authorization, altho maybe they are compromising by running the 3.8 kW critical-hours authorization, as this doesn't sound like full-bore 50 kW ND ‡ la WSM. I wonder if the engineer-in-charge of WAMB is anyone we know in Nashville? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

George McClintock replies August 19, gist: Gary Brown is the contract CE of WAMB; maybe running about 8 kW, or 3.5 kW critical-hours power. He was surprised that you were hearing it. WAMB is being sold, and the C&W music is temporary.

Doug Smith also sent me a Google Earth view notated: ``In the attachment, note the (very small) cleared area immediately southwest of the intersection of Highway 155 (known locally as Briley Parkway) and Ashland City Highway. That's where the WAMB-1200 towers are`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. This from DX-midAMerica. 1660 KXOL UT Brigham City/Salt Lake City SIlent. License deleted. Best wishes (Barry Davies, UK, Aug 19, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Thanks to Ray Browell, just sent me this from RadioInsight about KXOL:

The FCC has deleted the license for Inca Communications Regional Mexican 1660 KXOL Brigham City/Salt Lake City on the grounds that it was silent for more than twelve months. KXOL filed an STA to go silent

on November 21, 2013 claiming first signal interference and then the failing health of owner/GM Nicol's Vicente and did not return to the air within one year. After a March letter by the FCC seeking proof that the station had indeed begun broadcasting before the license would automatically be cancelled, Inca sent a Petition For Reconsideration stating that the station began broadcasting again on March 26, 2015 and restoring the license would "promote equity and fairness".

The agency has decreed that to be dismissed and has deleted the license of KXOL. The ruling can be read here []. Since returning KXOL to broadcast operation in May, Nicol's Vicente has begun operating via Time Brokerage Agreement and agreeing to purchase both 1550 KMRI West Valley City, UT and 107.1 KEGH Woodruff, UT under the name AASAA Media. While neither sale has been approved by the FCC yet, all three stations were simulcasting as Regional Mexican "La Raza".

Read More At:

<https://radioinsight.com/blog/headlines/94146/fcc-deletes-kxol-salt-lake-city/>

If the link is followed there is a further link which brings up a copy of the FCC's letter to Inca's Counsel. The FCC is pretty unequivocal that failure to broadcast a signal for more than 12 months is an automatic deletion regardless of the circumstances (via Andrew Brade, *ibid.*)

KXOL's (community of license Brigham City, Utah) license has been cancelled by the FCC. It was silent for more than twelve consecutive months.

http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=60045

I took this photo of its tower in August of 2007:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/dcgibson55/3663829849/in/album-72157620514334411/>
Sent from my iPad (Dennis Gibson, IRCA via DXLD)

Yet, someone has reported it's still on the air; probably are going to be as they appeal the decision, I'd gather (Paul Walker, TX, *ibid.*)

Read the FCC letter again. It already appealed and it was dismissed. It's a done deal. The call letters have been deleted from the FCC database. It's still there as DKXOL with the D standing for deleted.
<https://transition.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/amq?list=0&facid=87107>
Sent from my iPad (Dennis Gibson, *ibid.*)

Interesting, then, that someone on Facebook said, "they are reportedly still on the air" (Paul Walker, *ibid.*)

Strange. On our recent trip (second half of June) they were on the air and simulcasting KMRI-1550 with "la raza" slogan. Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone (Tim Hall, CA, ABDX via DXLD)

After doing a Google search for "KXOL silent", getting several hits, and reading through them, here's how it appears:

Tim, the broadcast that you heard from KXOL in June was, in effect, illegal. The STA to remain silent expired last November, and Inca Communications was sent a Notification letter by the FCC in March of this year. Inca's president, Nicolas Vicente, responded with a Petition for Reconsideration in April 2015, followed by a Renewal Application on June 3. These have both been dismissed by the FCC, so KXOL is, for all intents and purposes, done for on 1660. Which should make DXers in the Pacific Northwest happy as they have one less station now getting in the way of hearing WQLR in Michigan. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska EN21AF, <http://www.dxworld.com/bcblog.html> ibid.)

** U S A. 1680, Aug 15 at 0559 UT ``Classic Hits --- it's what we were born to do, L-A-1-0-5``, no legal ID until a bit later during music, ``KRJO Monroe``, as the Louisiana X-bander continues to be a mere simulcaster of an FM station whose dial position trumps any mention of ``1-6-8``. That's really KLIP 105.3, 50 kW in the WTFDA FM Database, which does not show it // 1680! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1700, Aug 15 at 0133 UT, Mexican music is dominant, so KKLF must be on the air again. Our last report about it this year was:

``1700, KKLF Richardson TX, had been off the air for a couple of months but came back on circa June 4-5 with Tejano format, overdriven audio as before, gone again since June 6 (Mark Sills, Denton County, June 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But off again?

** U S A. 88.1, Aug 17 at 1546 UT, rock music DX by sporadic E briefly surges up to here, as I have been seeing CCI on channel 2 TV for an hour or so. 88.1 is my lowest/best Es FM DX channel, as it doesn't take much to override either of the Okies on it 80-90 miles away. 1554 UT live YL DJ ``non-stop dance party``, WZIP ID in passing, request line 330-972-8888, then Katy Perry. It's the 7.9 kW University of Akron [OH] station, where website <http://www.wzip88.com/> emphasizes polkas, sports, and ex-Bruce Jenner. WTFDA lists it as ``Rhythmic CHR``. City-to city distance: 1510 km = 938 statute miles (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NPR, RADIO AT A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION

News Cut Blog By Bob Collins August 11, 2015

<http://blogs.mprnews.org/newscut/2015/08/npr-radio-at-a-dangerous-intersection/>

Politico Media's Capital New York has exposed a bit of the tension between podcasters and broadcasters in the public radio realm, including a brewing battle of the generations.

In its article today, Politico Media reveals a heated meeting that allegedly took place in New York between NPR boss Jarl Mohn, an old-school radio guy, and a reporter for the upstart iPlanet Money podcast.

To this bullish bunch of radio journalists, the podcasting craze was like a lightning bolt that could potentially electrify their workplace.

Mohn, on the other hand, seemed a bit less sanguine; you can't predict a hit, he told the group, and he found himself fielding tough, skeptical questions.

At first the back and forth was tense but respectful. Then, as Mohn parried with iPlanet Money reporter Zoe Chace, according to four sources who were either present for the meeting or familiar with how it went down, the heat started to rise.

Chace invoked a shift in the music industry in which more young people started becoming exposed to new music digitally than over the air. Mohn asked Chace if she knew how many young people had listened to radio the previous week. No, she didn't, she said, but that wasn't the point she was trying to make and, well, that's pretty much when things went south.

The conversation escalated and Mohn lost his cool, shouting Chace down in front of her colleagues.

It was intense and charged, said one of the people who was there. (Chace, who now works for This American Life, emphatically declined to comment.)

It was a symbolic moment of the way things are vs. the way things are going to be.

The radio audience for NPR's All Things Considered and Morning Edition is on the downswing, Politico Media says. And the radio audience is getting older for the shows at the network, which has been operating in the red.

These shows are important because they bring in the lion's share of revenue through annual fees from member stations, which pay to broadcast them with a sprinkling of their own local content mixed in. (The rest of the pie comes from corporate underwriting, fundraising, grants and other sources.) There are no podcasts or mobile apps for iMorning Edition and iAll Things Considered, reflecting their sacred cow status among member stations who fear that their local listeners might flee if freed from the geographic limitations of radio air, and that their own fundraising could begin to dry up as a result.

Moreover, a large slice of NPR's audience is aging out slowly but surely. More than half of NPR radio listeners are now over the age of 50, according to the audience measurement firm GfK MRI, and that number has been rising every year. NPR is therefore working to attract younger listeners from the highly coveted, digitally-wired millennial demographic. (The median age of its podcast listeners, according to Edison Research, is 38.)

Podcasting upstarts are becoming magnets for people who've left NPR, which is no longer the only game in town.

I've been in public radio for almost 25 years, and this is far and away the most exciting time ever, said Adams Davidson, a Planet Money co-founder. When I got into the field there was only one career path: work at a local station and hope you get a job at NPR. Now there are so many paths, so many companies to work for, and it's been a little heartbreaking for those of us who love NPR to see NPR largely sitting on the sidelines of this exciting moment.

NPR's defenders point out the network has a few popular podcasts (it also announced a new one yesterday). But stunning in its absence in the Politico Media analysis is the dismissal of radio technology as a growth medium.

I understand the frustrations people have. I get it, said Mohn. But I can't just wave a magic wand and say we're gonna pump the brakes on radio, pump the brakes on the newsmagazines. We have been losing money for six years, and my first job is to right the ship.
Posted by: (Mike Terry, Aug 16, dxldyg via DXLD)

In the late 1990s NPR and PRI (Public Radio International) was rebroadcasted on an audio subcarrier of a satellite channel to Europe in the days of analogue satellites. I heard the mentioned 'All Things Considered' programme of NPR on that subcarrier. Later I discovered that that programme was also rebroadcasted on American Forces Network (AFN) on mediumwave. The subjects of 'All Things Considered' were boring to a young teenager man like I was. Its advantage was that they used standard and not film English and they talked relatively slowly,

separating the words correctly from each others. It was perfect to me since my English was very poor at that time needed to improve.

Well, it is not easy to decide what and how to rebroadcast something on the internet, what type of platform is the best for the broadcaster and what is popular among the listeners (audio streaming, on-demand audio, downloadable or not downloadable programmes, built-in or stand-alone player, etc., etc.) and these are only the technical questions, not to mention legal issues like copyright/rebroadcasting rights of the broadcaster and its third parties, geographical limitations or free-broadcasting without any geographical limitation.

As I understood from this article that iPlanet Moneyî is a new thing and I have no idea if it is profitable at all, or where is the profit-making engine. I'm sure that a public broadcaster hardly can be profitable on commercial basis. I don't know who would pay for a quality-based content when even commercial internet media haven't found the wholly [sic] grail to be profitable; they haven't invented their profit-making business model yet. Regards, (Tibor Gaal, Budapest, Hungary, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: SLC FM re-jumble, 15-32:

It IS indeed quite the shakeup, Glenn. Humpy peak is the name of the peak, by the way, not Humphreys. All the main signals get into Evanston [WY] pretty good in certain spots. They are all licensed at 89 kW and none of them do it. The reason is because Humpy Peak signals don't reach the Salt Lake City metro because of all the mountains. Therefore anything on Humpy can get boosters in the SLC metro, which is what they all typically do. Not unusual for the main transmitter on Humpy to go down, and yet the boosters in the SLC metro are still on.

Nonetheless, when they actually turn the power up to the authorized 89 kW, there is SOME signal that makes it into the metro, enough to mess with the boosters. You get out-of-sync signals that sound like an echo and multipath because of same signal coming from two different places.

Just to the East of the Salt lake area, once you're in the mountains, you can no longer pick up the boosters and you get the main signals from Humpy. Not crystal clear; most have some multi-path, again because of high mountain peaks everywhere. Here in Evanston there are some hills and mountains between here and Humpy. There are places in town you can't get any of the Humpy stations very well. When they are at 89 kW, yes they come in pretty good everywhere in town. But they won't do that. I have no idea what power they are actually running but probably a lot lower to avoid any signal getting to the metro and interfering with their boosters down there. On to the list mentioned:

>KUDD 107.9 already moved its tower from the Promontory Mountains (50 miles north of SLC) to Humphreys

* well supposedly yes but no. The main is not on. 107.9 is nothing but static. However they are ID'ing with the new COL. ** UPDATE - as of today, they are on. Just checked it. It's on --- finally.

>KKLV 107.5 already moved its tower from Lake Mountain (40 miles south of SLC) to Farnsworth

* I think this happened, yes.

>KEGH 106.9 (on Humphreys) already moved to 107.1

* this one never appeared on Humpy at 106.9. It came one at 107.1 not too long ago.

>KAAZ 106.5 (on Farnsworth) will move to 106.7 on August 6

* this did happen on schedule.

>KBMG 106.1 (on Humphreys) will move to 106.3 at some point

* May be getting close. The main (106.1) is off right now. Has been for a while. Someone in Utah reported they were mentioning something on air about moving to 106.3. Interesting side note on this one. This station is licensed to Evanston WY. I worked there for 20 years. It started out in 1982 at 106.3 and then moved to 106.1 sometime in the 90s in order to make way for 106.5 - Spanish Fork UT to move from Lake Mountain (40 miles south of SLC) to Farnsworth. Now they are all moving and the "Evanston" station gets to move back to 106.3 after 20 years. Still licensed to Evanston but nothing local. It's a Spanish format and since they are on Humpy, Evanston is nothing more than a COL. It's a Salt Lake City Spanish station.

>KDWH 105.3 (Diamondville, Wyoming) will move to 105.5 (on Humphreys) to serve both SLC and Evanston, displacing the current K287AE translator for KCPW on 105.3.

* I visited with the guy locally at KDWH in Kemmerer about a month ago. He had not heard anything about them moving and losing the station. Then again, it's Broadway Media - a conglomerate (subsidiary or related to Simmons Media somehow) that bought KDWH, KMER and KAOX 10 years ago or so and let just kept them operating as always from Kemmerer. In the last year KAOX actually got moved to Idaho. So that leaves KDWH and KMER(am). Broadway doesn't really keep them up to speed on what's going on so no big surprise that the guy in Kemmerer hadn't heard anything about it.

>KAUU 105.1 will move from Manti, Utah (80 miles south of SLC) to Farnsworth and will take on the format of KUDD 107.9 (currently on Humphreys); no word yet on the future of the 107.9 frequency [this is considered to be the big move-in among all these]

* They've been simulcasting 107.9 and 103.9 for years --- coverage from the north and coverage from the south. So no they won't need to do that once they have a Farnsworth signal. I'm sure Mix 105 is in the works, and who knows what they'll do with 107.9 but they're on Humpy now and have boosters in the metro. Hmm, we'll wait and see what 107.9 becomes. Whatever it is, I'll be able to hear it here in Evanston.

>KMGR 95.9 will move from Delta, Utah (80 miles south of SLC) to Humphreys to serve both SLC and Evanston

* Hmm. Hadn't heard about this part of it. Interesting. They are still on 95.9 and nothing coming from Humpy on that frequency. That one's probably further down the line. Maybe next year?

>KUDE 103.9 Nephi, Utah (50 miles south of SLC) and its KUDE-1 103.9 booster in Provo have applied to combine and move to 99.1, but staying in Nephi, displacing the current K256AE 99.1 Provo booster for KZHT (Provo being a bit terrain- shaded from the Farnsworth towers). Although there's no official word yet on the future of the 103.9 frequency, there's a rumor that the reason KUDE is moving from 103.9 to 99.1 is so that KGNT 103.9 in Smithfield, Utah (90 miles north of SLC, currently only at 6 kW) can apply to move to Humphreys at much higher power to serve a much bigger area.

* There's been a lot of talk about 103.9 that included the Fort Bridger WY FM here - KNYN. KNYN is owned by Kent Frandsen in Logan, UT. The company I worked for here in Evanston LMA'd it from him back when they sold 106.1 off. Originally KGNT and KNYN were going to swap. KNYN would move to 103.9 and go on Humpy, allowing KGNT to move down to 99.1.

If you check both in the FCC's database you'll see those applications there. However, I heard from Kent's engineer years ago that Kent just didn't have any interest in putting a station on Humpy and doing boosters, which is what would have happened with KNYN. So for years it's been sitting that way. KGNT still on 103.9 in Smithfield and KNYN still on 99.1 here from Medicine Butte - north of Evanston. Don't know if and how much is still in the works and what's going on there or if anything will ever happen. Honestly, I've been waiting for someone in the SLC metro to muscle their way in to try to snag 99.1 (in a full power variety, not a translator) and then end up forcing Kent to do the moves to get 99.1 here out of the way. I think if KUDE moves to

99.1, it'll be far enough away from here that KNYN can still stay where it is at 99.1 here.

Glenn - I wonder too about the 89 kW power authorization. A few observations there. First off, they all have the same authorized power. Not sure if that is because they are all on ONE antenna using the same bays. That must be one HELL of a multiplexer up there. Already 9 stations up there and more to come! All licensed at 89 kW and all pumping through the same antenna.

Also, originally when this all started, the first station up there was 102.3. Licensed to Randolph, UT. Randolph is about 30 miles from here and I'm about 40 miles from Humpy. So we're talking having to put a city-grade signal into a town 70 miles away so I don't know; maybe it needed to be 89 kW to guarantee that. Next one up there was 101.5 - licensed to Oakley UT. Oakley is closer to Humpy but is severely shielded by tall mountain peaks from Humpy. So, anyways you can see what I mean. Perhaps they authorized because they could see on the predicted coverage maps that a lot of mountains would be in the way so they had to authorize a lot of power to get the signal through? I was shocked when the first one came on and I saw that. Then again if you look at KQSW and KSIT in Rock Springs, WY they are sitting on Aspen Mountain - 2500' above Rock Springs. Both are 100 kW. So I'm not sure how the FCC does their figuring or why.

Thanks for reading. Hope that covers it all. Makes my head spin sometimes! (Michael J. Richard, Evanston, WY, Aug 17, ABDX via DXLD)

Those 89 kW signals are for horizontal polarization only. They are obviously trying to cut down on intermod in cars by not transmitting with vertical polarization.

This whole thing is so out of hand. How many stations does SLC need? When I worked in Albuquerque 35 years ago, we only had about a half dozen FMs. Now there must be at least three times that many. It is the same all over the west. Denver has way too many signals now. The important thing that has never changed and will never change is that a pie can only be sliced into so many pieces. The stations were not making a lot of money back then when the signals in each market could be counted on two hands. With that many more signals now, how many of the stations are actually profitable? Of course, now we have the mess of "clusters" that truly is a cluster, if you catch my drift. Still, there is only so much money in each market. Trying to squeeze 30 FM signals into any market is just plain stupid. Ask a media person how hard it is to sell any station that does not show up in the top 5, or at least the top 10 in the ratings. Believe me, you would not want to try to earn a living selling time for the station ranked #27 in your market. One has to wonder how the FCC ever thought allowing this to

happen could truly be serving the public interest. 73, (Kit W5KAT, ibid.)

Re: SLC FM re-jumble --- If the stations are licensed for 89 kW, I believe they're required by the FCC to make 89 kW (or at least 90%) unless they apply for and receive a waiver.

The height of the antenna is measured above average terrain, not the elevation of the city of license (or the target).

If the target is more than about 10 miles from the transmitter site, (thus outside of the area determining the average terrain calculation) the site could be much more than 600 meters higher with no reduction in licensed power. JL (Jerry Lenamon, Waco TX, ibid.)

<https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/antenna-height-above-average-terrain-haat-calculator>

(Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

** VATICAN. Special transmission of Vatican Radio on Sat August 15
0610-0730 on 7250 SMG 250 kW / 054 deg to EaEu Romanian liturgy
0610-0730 on 9645 SMG 100 kW / 054 deg to EaEu Romanian liturgy
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/special-transmission-of-vatican-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

Unscheduled broadcast of Vatican Radio Croatian August 19:

0525-0530 7250 SMG 100 kW / 026 deg EaEu, before Latin Mass at 0530

0525-0530 7250 SMG 100 kW / 326 deg WeEu, before Latin Mass at 0530

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/unscheduled-broadcast-of-vatican-radio.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Surprisingly broadcast of Vatican Radio in Bulgarian / German Aug 20:

from 0535 6070 SMG 250 kW / 330 deg to WeEu, instead of Mass in Latin

from 0535 7250 SMG 100 kW / 026 deg to EaEu, instead of Mass in Latin

from 0535 7250 SMG 100 kW / 326 deg to WeEu, instead of Mass in Latin

from 0535 15595 SMG 250 kW / 107 deg to N/ME, instead of Mass in Latin

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/surprisingly-broadcast-of-vatican-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Plugged in wrong program feed (gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 7903-USB, Ho Chi Minh Radio, 1220, August 14. Thanks again to David Crawford (Florida) for first informing me about this frequency; tuned in to English, with longitudes and latitudes for fishing boat in distress; ending with the usual - "Vessels in vicinity advised to keep a sharp lookout and please report directly any related

information to Vietnam Coast Radio Station. This is Ho Chi Minh Radio, overî (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 12019.022 kHz, V of Vietnam, Son Tay site, 57 degrees azimuth, English program, odd frequency fingerprint, at 1133 UT on Aug 14, news by female reader, heard on remote SDR unit in Tokyo Japan at S=9+30 dB level.

\\ 9839.838 kHz odd frequency channel at 1145 UT on Aug 14. VoVietnam, from Son Tay broadcast center site, 57 degree azimuth, English, S=6-7 rather poor signal in Tokyo Japan.

Even 12000.0 kHz broadcast of Russian service from VoV Hanoi, via Son Tay site. S=9+10dB signal strength noted on remote SDR unit at Tokyo Japan. 1135 UT on Aug 14.

9635.791, odd frequency fingerprint measured of Voice of Vietnam's 1st home service domestic program at 1234 UT on Aug 14, poor S=5-6 audio signal strength on SDR unit in Japan.

7220.065, Poor S=6 signal of V of Vietnam's Chinese service, 1300-1330 UT, noted at 1307 UT on Aug 14.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Aug 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Voice of Vietnam, 7220.1 kHz, 1317 19 AUG - in MANDARIN from HANOI-SONTAY. SINPO = 22332. Chinese, female announcer, QRM = het + very strong CRI on 7215. Sf 89.0, a 9, k 3, geomag: unsettled. 100 kW, beamAz 27deg, bearing 319deg. Sangean ATS505 with Kaito KA33 in west facing window. Received at Las Vegas, United States, 12375 km from transmitter at Hanoi-Sontay. Local time: 0617 (Rodney Johnson, Las Vegas NV, Aug 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. New Vietnamese religious station on 9624.9kHz via Taiwan --- "E Bible Fellowship" New Vietnamese service has been started from Aug. 13 at 1100-1200 UT on 9625 kHz. Good reception in Japan. de Hihara.

<https://www.facebook.com/EBibleFellowshipViet>

(S. Hasegawa, Aug 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Japan NHK in Indonesian at same time 1115-1200 on 9625 via T8WH Angel 4, Palau -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgariya, ibid.)

Frequency change of new service E-Bible Fellowship from Aug 15

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/frequency-change-of-new-religious.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

1100-1200 NF 9690vTNN 250 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese, ex 9625v,
to avoid NHK (?????????? ?? Observer ? 4:09 PM, via DXLD) see TAIWAN

** ZAMBIA. In Africa, the biggest problem we are facing in Zambia at the moment is what they call "load shedding". Central Southern Africa has been experiencing drought conditions for the last few years, and water levels at the Zambesi dam are much lower than normal. Most electricity in Zambia (to the north) and Zimbabwe (to the south) is supplied from hydro electric turbines at the dam, and that supply has been greatly reduced. As a result, most areas in and around Lusaka are now experiencing rotating power outages for 9 hours per day, every day. While we do have a 750 kVA Caterpillar genset onsite that is capable of powering both transmitters in an emergency, to run that from diesel for 9+ hours per day would be prohibitively expensive. So, we are hoping that, when the rainy season starts in October, they will get a good amount of rainfall, and that power generation will return to normal. We will have a permanent American missionary/transmitter engineer onsite from the beginning of September, and we are now working towards a November sign-on for 'Voice of Hope - Africa'. (Ray Robinson, Vice President, Operations, Strategic Communications Group - Voice of Hope, Los Angeles & Lusaka <http://www.voiceofhope.com> Aug 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) with English news:
1800-1806 on 11735 DOL 050 kW / non-dir to CeAf English on August 19
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/zanzibar-broadcasting-corporation-zbc.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2660-AM, Aug 17 at 0153 UT, JBA carrier, probably from the KGLD 1330 Tyler TX second harmonic, which I IDed previously when conditions were much quieter. Why not, as I am getting Nova Scotia now on 2749. However, this should be well after KGLD cut from day power of 1000 to night power of 77 watts on non-direxional fundamental: August SR/SS officially: 1145/0100 UT; September, 1200/0030 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4785 kHz, OuÁo uma forte portadora em 4785 kHz aqui em S,,o Bernardo SP j· h· alguns dias, tanto ‡ noite como de dia. Neste momento 1520 UT est· ativa. N,,o tenho informaÁ,,o do que possa ser. (???) 73, (Rudolf Grimm, Aug 15, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

01· Rudolf. Por aqui n,,o est· chegando nada no momento. Se possível, faÁa uma gravaÁ,,o e compartilhe conosco. 73 de (PU2PKB Alexandre, S,,o Carlos-SP, ibid.)

Oi Rudolf, De fato tem algo aí. Em Banda Lateral d· para perceber

modulaÁ,,o. Mas intriga o fato de que Caiari n,,o poderia ser captada a esta hora. Estou gravando, depois publico. 73, (Denis Zoqbi, ibid.)

Rudolf, Registro feito aqui. Grato pela indicaÁ,,o!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKbpc_53A-I&feature=youtu.be>
(Zoqbi, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6070v, Once again, found the distorted signal here coming on at 0944:22. Drifting a bit with QSB and mixing with CFRX. At about 1022 talk by what sounded like a W annoouncer. Too distorted to determine the language, though. Plainly audible during deadair from V.O. Korea before the IS started at 1029 on the iakkyî Perseus receiver in Kanuma City Japan, and also very weakly on Neil's Perseus in Brisbane Australia. I suspect this is RAE/R. Nacional [ARGENTINA], but it would be way off frequency. Youtube video can be found at <https://youtu.be/Dgw2sAfcjaI>
(17 August) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus with 153 foot Delta Loop and Wellbrook ALA1530S loop, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6818.5-USB, Aug 19 at 0247, some net perhaps MARS discussing how to tune; truncated call of one station is 9CC. Searching, seems I have no previous logs on this frequency, nor anywhen in DXLD (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7268.0-USB, Aug 19 at 0223, some ham on USB instead of LSB, the conventional SSB default on 40, 80 and 160m. Previously heard one on 7261.0-USB. Maybe there is a little segment set aside for this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, This happens now and then to avoid SWBC QRM or just not to be heard easily by others. These days courtesy is also a little rare on several of the Ham Bands. 73 (Art, KA5DWI, AZ, ABDX via DXLD)

UNIDentified station with Arabic music:
1030-1035 on 9400 unknown tx, August 13
1050-1100 on 9600 unknown tx, August 13
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/unidentified-station-with-arabic-music.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, circa Aug 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test tone on 9400 kHz from 1015 UT, Aug 16 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDentified station with Arabic music:
1030-1040 on 9400 unknown tx, August 16
1030-1035 on 9400 unknown tx, August 13
1050-1100 on 9600 unknown tx, August 13

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/unidentified-station-with-arabic-music.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

UNIDentified. Station with Arabic music:

1100-1120 on 9400 unknown tx, August 17

http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/unidentified-station-with-arabic-music_18.html

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Aug 17-18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9550.000 exact frequency Unidentified Arabic music station, 2015-08-15, tuned in 0902 UT, til bib tone at 0910 UT close-down. Weak tiny signal, hopefully signal will be better in Oct to Feb season. Morning Arabic mx station heard often in the past in 9.55 - 9.65 MHz range. Listen attached ogg. format audio file, taken in remote SDR Perseus unit near Bologna / Rimini Adria Italy. Noted also on remote SDR in Moscow Russia (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Utility station. About two weeks ago, on 31st July at 0904 UT (noon local time) we received an unidentified station in Arabic on 12800 kHz USB (in the 12 MHz maritime band). Propagation at that time of the day in the summer does not favor long-range reception in that band and the propagation was generally poor, but our 25 meters band inverted V dipole proved to be a good performer. Any help in identifying the station would be appreciated. You may find recording below.

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/08/identifying-arabic-utility-station-on.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #923 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, August 17, 2015, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 13750, Aug 17 at 0536, very poor signal, but yet the SSOB, sounds like country-rock music; gone at 0555. Nightly bedtime all-bandscans make it pretty obvious when something different shows up, like this. And nothing is scheduled in HFCC or Aoki. Most likely it's RFI Issoudun on early before its 0600 Hausa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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### MADISON-MILWAUKEE GET-TOGETHER

My family and I hosted the 22nd annual Madison-Milwaukee Get-Together at our home in Oak Creek on Saturday, August 15. The weather was warm and very humid, but people spent time both indoors and out. IRCA members present included Neil Bartlett, Rick Dau, Karl Forth, Ernie Wesolowski, and yours truly (sorry if I omitted anyone). There was plenty of AM radio talk, but it is an all-band event, and there were people checking the FM dial and, especially in the evening, DXers finding some exotic signals on shortwave.

The folks at Melrose Restaurant here in Oak Creek treated us very well once again, and after dinner we awarded the door prizes generously donated by Universal Radio and Scott Fybush. After dinner, somewhat disappointed Star Trek fans caught iThe Way to Eden on MeTV, and groups of hobbyists talked into the night both indoors and out. Bill Dvorak and his wife Nina have graciously agreed to host the get-together in Madison next year, on Saturday, August 20, 2016, and may the new DX season be among your best (Tim Noonan, 801 East Park Blvd, Oak Creek Wisconsin 53154-3929, IRCA DX Monitor Aug 22 via DXLD)

Yesterday - August 15, 2015 - I joined about 30 other radio enthusiasts at Tim Noonan and his family's house in Oak Creek, Wisconsin for the 22nd Madison / Milwaukee Radio Get-Together. It was a very pleasant afternoon and evening of radio talk about many bands from Long wave to TV - including much talk about our favorite, shortwave. Many NASWA members were in attendance. Despite the hot weather, several of us spilled outside to listen to what could be heard on a very warm auroral afternoon and evening. When I attend radio get-togethers, I am always humbled by the accumulated knowledge about the hobby that can be gathered in one place when we collect and begin to share what we know. Thanks again to Tim and his family for offering their hospitality and opening their home for us. We are already looking forward for the 23rd Madison / Milwaukee Get-Together in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Keep that date in mind and watch for announcements about the 2016 M&M GTG early next year (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, NASWA Flashsheet Aug 16 via DXLD)

## RADIO PHILATELY

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### RADIO STATION STAMPS BY CONTINENTS

No QSLs to report this time but I can inform that the 2nd edition of

DX-Philately ñ Radio Station Stamps by Continents is now available. It is a Wordfile and contains listing of radio station stamps from 126 countries. For more information please contact me at:  
lennart.weirell(at)swipnet.se  
(Lennart Weirell, SW Bulletin Aug 16 via DXLD

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BBC WORLD SERVICE - WAR AND WORDS - CORRESPONDENTS IN THE FIELD

Glenn: I thought you might be interested in this wonderful podcast about the BBC & the Second World War. Besides the podcast there are several galleries of photos. Best.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2M6js2pFZm2nwfqqbR7BVqf/correspondents-in-the-field?ocid=socialflow\\_twitter](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2M6js2pFZm2nwfqqbR7BVqf/correspondents-in-the-field?ocid=socialflow_twitter)  
(Charlie Harlich, Aug 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Sent from my iPhone

Photos indicate recording method was on platters, even in field (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GUAM; INDIA; ITALY; NEW ZEALAND;  
+++++ PAKISTAN

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See AUSTRALIA; FRANCE; ITALY  
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See MEXICO; OKLAHOMA  
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PROPAGATION  
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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES ñ Compiled by: Phil Bytheway  
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Geomagnetic Summary July 1 2015 through July 31 2015  
Tabulated from email status daily (K @ 0000 UT)

| Date | Flux | A  | K | Space     | Wx |
|------|------|----|---|-----------|----|
| 1    | x    | x  | x | x         |    |
| 2    | 114  | 3  | 0 | minor,    | R1 |
| 3    | 112  | 3  | 1 | minor,    | R1 |
| 4    | 117  | 19 | 5 | minor,    | G1 |
| 5    | 125  | 25 | 3 | moderate, | G2 |
| 6    | 133  | 10 | 1 | minor,    | R1 |
| 7    | 133  | 5  | 1 | no storms |    |
| 8    | 129  | 5  | 1 | no storms |    |
| 9    | 122  | 6  | 1 | no storms |    |
| 10   | 129  | 10 | 5 | minor,    | G1 |

|    |     |    |   |           |
|----|-----|----|---|-----------|
| 11 | 120 | 25 | 3 | minor, G1 |
| 12 | 116 | 11 | 3 | no storms |
| 13 | 110 | 32 | 3 | minor, G1 |
| 14 | 105 | 8  | 2 | no storms |
| 15 | 101 | 7  | 3 | no storms |
| 16 | 100 | 8  | 1 | no storms |
| 17 | 97  | 5  | 0 | no storms |
| 18 | 96  | 4  | 1 | no storms |
| 19 | 99  | 3  | 0 | no storms |
| 20 | 93  | 5  | 2 | no storms |
| 21 | 91  | 10 | 3 | no storms |
| 22 | 89  | 8  | 2 | no storms |
| 23 | 89  | 23 | 3 | minor, G1 |
| 24 | 93  | 7  | 2 | no storms |
| 25 | 94  | 9  | 3 | no storms |
| 26 | 94  | 9  | 2 | no storms |
| 27 | 100 | 11 | 2 | no storms |
| 28 | 101 | 9  | 2 | no storms |
| 29 | 101 | 5  | 1 | no storms |
| 30 | 102 | 12 | 4 | no storms |
| 31 | 101 | 14 | 3 | no storms |

Gx ñ Geomagnetic Storm Level Rx ñ Radio Blackouts Level Sx ñ Solar  
Radiation Storm Level (IRCA DX Monitor Aug 22 via DXLD)

SOLARHAM.NET

This site is great resource for up to date propagation information,  
sky watching and more:

<http://www.solarham.net/>

e.g.:

August 15, 2015 @ 23:55 UTC

Shock Passage Detected / Geomagnetic Storm Warning (UPDATED)

UPDATE #2 @ 23:50 UTC: The moderate (G2) to strong (G3) geomagnetic storm has subsided and conditions have returned to quieter levels. Additional storming will remain possible however as the solar wind remains elevated. This combined with periods of southward Bz could move the Kp index back above 5 during the next 24 hours. Sky watchers at high latitudes should remain alert for visible aurora displays.

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The ACE spacecraft detected a shock passage early Saturday morning. The solar wind speed is currently near 500 km/s and the Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) is currently pointing south. This in conjunction with an expected coronal hole stream could lead to minor geomagnetic storming during the next few days. Sky

watchers should be alert for visual aurora displays at higher latitudes.

SUMMARY: Geomagnetic Sudden Impulse  
Observed: 2015 Aug 15 0745 UTC  
Deviation: 36 nT  
Station: Niemegek

UPDATE @ 12:15 UTC: To our surprise, a Strong (G3) Geomagnetic Storm is currently in progress at high latitudes. Sky watchers should be alert for visual aurora if it is still dark outside.

ALERT: Geomagnetic K-index of 7  
Threshold Reached: 2015 Aug 15 1143 UTC  
Synoptic Period: 0900-1200 UTC  
Active Warning: Yes  
NOAA Scale: G3 - Strong

<http://www.solarham.net/>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, Aug 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

NEW SUNSPOT INDEX BREAKS LINK BETWEEN SOLAR ACTIVITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE --- Rick Pantaleo, VOA Science World Blog, August 11, 2015  
<http://blogs.voanews.com/science-world/2015/08/11/new-sunspot-index-breaks-link-between-solar-activity-and-climate-change/>

A newly updated analysis of sunspot numbers over the last 400 years suggests solar activity has nothing to do with climate change, a discovery that eliminates a key argument used by those who question human caused climate change.

Some of those who suggest that climate change is not anthropogenic in nature contend that changes in the sun's activity are responsible for any increase or decrease in global temperatures.

Scientists have been tracking that solar activity within the sun's solar cycle by counting sunspots for years.

For the last 160 years scientists have relied on the Wolf Sunspot Number (WSN) ñ also called the International sunspot number, relative sunspot number, or Zrich number ñ to count the number of sunspots present on the surface of the sun.

Use of the WSN, since its introduction by Rudolph Wolf in 1856, has allowed scientists to develop a historical record of solar activity over time.

But in 1994 scientists began to question whether the WSN was an accurate method to build a reliable index of historical sunspot records.

Since telescope technology before modern times wasn't as advanced as today the scientists thought that perhaps some smaller sunspots were being missed in the count.

So, a new counting method called the Group Sunspot Number (GSN) was created by Douglas Hoyt and Ken Schatten in 1994 and introduced in 1998.

Creators of this new way of counting sunspots said that they were able to add to amount of available sunspot data since it included measurements made further back into the sunspot historical record by Galileo, Thomas Harriot and Christoph Scheiner.

However there are huge discrepancies between the WSN and GSN for sunspot measurements made before 1885 and around 1945. This has become a contentious issue among scientists for some time.

One of the links between solar activity and climate change that's often cited by the non-believers of human caused climate change is a time period called the Maunder Minimum.

During the Maunder Minimum, which took place between 1645 and 1715, scientists noticed fewer sunspots on the sun's surface. Winters throughout this time were also unusually harsh.

Some scientists have said that following the end of the Maunder Minimum, which was also the beginning of the industrial revolution, a new period of increased solar activity began.

This period of increased solar activity, which is said to have peaked in the late 20th century with the Modern Grand Maximum, also happened to coincide with a rise in global temperatures.

While the GSN index reflected this pattern of increased solar activity the WSN didn't show such a pattern.

A group of scientists led by Fr  d  ric Clette, Director of the Sunspot Index and Long-term Solar Observations program at the World Data Center, Ed Cliver from the National Solar Observatory and Leif Svalgaard of Stanford University have found that the discrepancies between the WSN and GSN were due to a major calibration error in the Group Sunspot Number.

So scientists reconciled and recalibrated the sunspot index which has

eliminated the discrepancies between the WSN and GSN.

The resulting new sunspot index called the Sunspot Number Version 2.0, which also includes the older historical data of the GSN, shows that solar activity has been constant over the past few centuries without any noteworthy long-term upward trends in solar activity since 1700.

This means that any rise in global temperatures since the beginning of the industrial revolution or end of the Maunder Minimum cannot be attributed to an increase in solar activity.

The scientists presented their new sunspot index at the International Astronomical Union's 29th General Assembly being held in Honolulu, Hawaii through August 14 (via VOA Radiogram Aug 15 via Roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 10 - 16 August 2015

Solar activity was at very low to low levels this period. Region 2396 (S17, L=038, Ekc/840; 09 Aug) and Region 2401 (S11, L=270, Dai/070; 16 Aug) produced weak C-class flares on 11 Aug, 14 Aug, and 15 Aug. Solar activity was very low for all other days.

On 12 Aug, a 13 degree long filament centered near S29W29 produced a partial-halo coronal mass ejection (CME) signature visible on SOHO/LASCO C2 imagery. This CME was determined to be Earth-directed. On 14 Aug, two filaments disappeared. The first was 16 degrees long centered near S12W41 and the second was a 17 degree long filament centered near S39W30. Both filaments produced CMEs observed off the SW limb observed in SOHO/LASCO C2 imagery. Model output suggests the possibility of a glancing blow as they pass Earth on 18 Aug.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reach high levels on 10 - 12 Aug, then decreased to moderate levels on 13 - 15 Aug, before returning to high levels on 16 Aug. A peak flux of 4100 was observed on 11 Aug.



Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels from 10 - 14 Aug, with an isolated period of active conditions early on 13 Aug. On 15 Aug, activity reached G3 (strong) levels with the arrival of the 12 Aug CME. A shock was observed at the ACE spacecraft on 15/0745 UTC with a subsequent sudden impulse of 36 nT at NGK at 15/0908 UTC. G2 (moderate) and G1 (minor) conditions were observed through 16 Aug as the CME effects transitioned into a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS).

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 17 AUGUST-12 SEPTEMBER 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels throughout the outlook period with a chance for C-class flare activity.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels through period. Moderate levels are expected from 17-23 Aug , 27-29 Aug, 02-05 Sep, and 09-11 Sep. High levels are expected from 25-26 Aug, 30 Aug - 01 Sep, 06-08 Sep, and 12 Sep.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels on 17 Aug due to a positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS). Active levels are expected on 23 Aug, 27 Aug, and 02-04 Sep from the influence of recurrent CH HSSs. Field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels throughout the remainder of the outlook period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt

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# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2015-08-17

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2015 Aug 17 | 85         | 20        | 5        |
| 2015 Aug 18 | 85         | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 Aug 19 | 85         | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Aug 20 | 85         | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 Aug 21 | 85         | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Aug 22 | 85         | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Aug 23 | 90         | 12        | 4        |

|             |     |    |   |
|-------------|-----|----|---|
| 2015 Aug 24 | 90  | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Aug 25 | 90  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Aug 26 | 90  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Aug 27 | 95  | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 Aug 28 | 95  | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Aug 29 | 95  | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Aug 30 | 95  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Aug 31 | 95  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Sep 01 | 95  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Sep 02 | 95  | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 Sep 03 | 100 | 22 | 5 |
| 2015 Sep 04 | 100 | 15 | 4 |
| 2015 Sep 05 | 105 | 12 | 3 |
| 2015 Sep 06 | 100 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Sep 07 | 100 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Sep 08 | 95  | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 Sep 09 | 90  | 8  | 3 |
| 2015 Sep 10 | 85  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Sep 11 | 85  | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Sep 12 | 85  | 10 | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1787, DXLD)

#### GLENN'S PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF AUG 20, 2015

From IPS in Australia, the global HF propagation forecast thru August 22: normal to fair at low, middle and high latitude bands.

From Spaceweather South Africa, predixions thru August 22: magnetic conditions quiet to unsettled; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable.

From Met Office UK, the Four-Day Space Weather Forecast Summary thru August 24: Solar activity expected to remain at low levels, just a slight 10% chance of moderate class flares. Geomagnetic activity generally quiet to unsettled, but with occasional active periods.

From F K Janda of the Czech Propagation Interest Group:  
the Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on August 21, 31, September 9  
quiet to unsettled on August 22 - 25 and 28 - 30  
active to disturbed on August 26 and September 2  
quiet to active on August 27, September 3 - 4, 8  
mostly quiet on September 1, 5 - 7

Natural Resources Canada's 27 day magnetic activity forecast from August 14 shows the highest DRX nanoteslas in the polar and auroral zones on August 27-28 and September 3-4.

From SWPC in Boulder: Geomagnetic field at active levels on Aug 23, 27  
Sept 2-4, with A and K indices of 12 and 4 peaking at 22 and 5 on  
September 3; lowest As and Ks of 5 and 2 on August 25, 26, and 30 to  
September 1. Solar flux rising from 85 on August 22 to a peak of 105  
on September 5, down to 85 again by September 10.

Bill Hepburn's VHF UHF DX maps call for extreme tropospheric ducting  
all week along the northern Baja California coast and southern Alta  
California; August 22 and 23 over the eastern Mediterranean, and  
August 23-25 over the western Mediterranean; all week around the Red  
Sea and Persian Gulf; near Kyushu and Okinawa August 23 and 24.  
Between Mozambique and Madagascar August 21-24 (via DXLD) ###